

# "Walter Turner Could Think" Says Bishop Bowen In Tribute

Walter Turner could think—he knew how to think," declared Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta, Georgia, resident bishop of the Atlantic Coast Area, The Methodist Church in his eulogy of Dr. Walter Lee Turner at funeral services held at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

was a preacher of the people and not of the classes, the Alabama State College professor asserted. With words of an academic flavor, Dr. Daniel said that "the brilliant scholar...has moved on to get a greater degree." His words were watered with tears, it seems, he spoke, exhibiting visible signs of being deeply affected by the minister's death.

Prayer by Dr. D. H. Stanton of the American Bible Society, Atlanta; Scripture reading by the Rev. J. W. McMurray, pastor of Metropolitan AME Zion Church; expressions by the Rev. Luke Beard; solo by Mrs. Lillian Stone Moore and a solo by Dr. H. B. Gibson, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church were among other numbers.

The Rev. Leon Kennedy read the obituary; J. N. Butler and others read Masonic and Eastern Star and H. of J., Crusaders, Royal Arts and Shriners resolutions. Rev. Milford S. Vaughn, new national grandmaster of St. Louis, presided over the Masonic Rites. Dr. G. H. Holman, district superintendent of the Montgomery district introduced Bishop Bowen. The Rev. C. J. Booker, pastor of Enon Methodist church served as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Turner was born October 8, 1891 in Oakwood, Texas. He studied African culture and was regarded as an authority on the subject. He was the author of two books "Heart of Missions" and "Under the Skin of Africa."

Active pallbearers were Matthew Brock, Ohio; A. N. Peterson, Illinois; S. L. Mathias, Michigan; George W. Dudley, Penn.; L. A. Houston, Mississippi and J. N. Butler of Mobile.

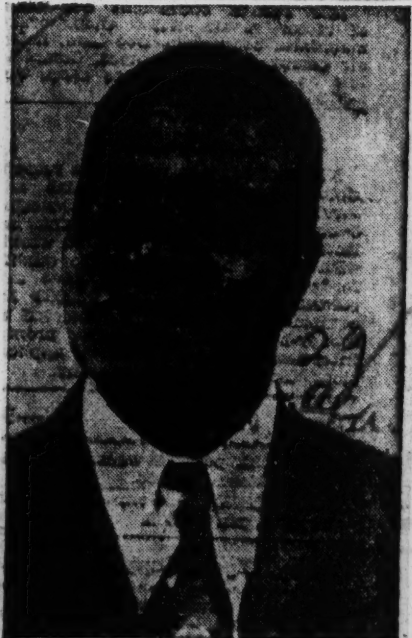
Honorary pallbearers were the Revs. L. H. Zeigler, O. R. Flournoy, G. W. Brown, J. M. Ridgeway, L. G. Fields and Rev. Beard.

Among out of city persons attending the funeral were: Mrs.

Josephine M. Walker of Hackensack, N. J., national matron, He-voines of Jericho; Mrs. Sara Canty, of Columbus, Ohio; national matron, Order of Eastern Star and Mrs. Mayme Henry Walker of Detroit, national juvenile matron. The body was forwarded to Shreveport, La., for burial in the Fairfield Cemetery. Smith and Gaston service was in charge here.

Among other out of town close survivors, in the city for the final rites, are a foster daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Guice of Detroit, Mich. and a nephew, Henry Brown of Tennessee Colony, Texas.

Other immediate survivors of the fallen leader include: Mrs. W. L. Turner, the widow; three sisters Mrs. Bertha Brown of Tennessee Colony, Texas, Mrs. Annice Howard and Mrs. Pearl Burns, both of Oakwood, Texas; and an adopted brother, Prof. A. D. Nelson of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.



DR. WALTER L. TURNER

Funeral services for Dr. Walter L. Turner (above) was held this past Tuesday evening from the 18th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham. Dr. Turner was at the time of his death, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church of this city. During his lifetime he served in many capacities. He spent 10 years in Africa as a Missionary

for his church together with his wife, Mrs. Fannie W. Turner, they made a lasting impression on the natives of Liberia. Dr. Turner was National Grand Master of the Order of York Rite Masons. Attending his funeral were some 30 odd Worshipful Masters and Daughters of Jerico representing some 17 different states. His contribution of the literary field included two books. One entitled "Under the Skin of Marks Folks" has been widely acclaimed by critics as a work of art. Bishop J. W. E. Bowen is his eulogy spoke of Dr. Turner as an independent thinker, a great organizer. St. Paul, the Methodist Church and the nation have a great leader; one whose work for good organization radiate and stimulate work.

THE DEATH of Mrs. Amelia C. Roberts of Tuskegee, athletic department, was a shock to all of her friends and to the members of the faculty and students. We all know we can't live on forever yet we hate to see the "old familiar faces" leave the scene. Others will replace them, the world seems to go on but to those who knew these grand old souls, the world never seems the same. They seemed part of an institution and the mere absence of these kindly people was an inspiration.

## Mrs. Roberts Buried Here

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (ANP)—Funeral services were held last week for a pioneer teacher at Tuskegee Institute here.

Mrs. Amelia C. Roberts, widow of Dr. Ezra C. Roberts, was buried in the cemetery at Tuskegee Institute. She had taught at Tuskegee for some forty-eight years.

A native of Syracuse, N. Y. Mrs. Roberts came to Tuskegee in 1905 at the request of Booker T. Washington, founder of the institute. She served as the school's first physical education

### Stricken on Christmas

## Scout Executive, P. W. Echols, Dies

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—P. W. Echols, Negro field scout executive for the Birmingham Council Boy Scouts of America, died Monday, Jan. 12, at a local hospital. Mr. Echols was stricken Christmas and grew steadily worse until his death.

He had served in professional scouting several years, having transferred here from the Mobile Council three years ago.

Aside from his professional work with scouting, Mr. Echols was active in several other fields. He was a member of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church where he served on the board of deacons. For more than twenty years he was an instructor in the State and National Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress.

instructor for girls. Dr. Roberts, her late husband, was dean of academics at Tuskegee.



## Worked And Achieved

Dr. Walter Lee Turner is one of the few leaders to vacate life's scene with a fitting tribute of himself from his own lips. He is quoted as saying in his last words, spoken to his wife, "I have worked; I have achieved." *worked*

He was Southern-born, seminary-trained and contact-enriched. Born in Texas, he received his training in the South, for most part, worked in the educational, missionary and church field. He produced two books and served his denomination in Africa as a missionary. *P. 8 24 Dec -*

He was a man of action who was downed only by death. No matter what manner a man one is he eventually loses out to death. Dr. Turner was a worker in the field of human action. He was strong-minded and independent in his thinking. A thinking man is usually one of action. *Birmingham Ala*

When Alabama was reaching its heyday of leaders serving as pilots of national organization, Dr. Turner emerged as titular head of the York Rite Masons. He survived most of his contemporary national Alabama-residing organizational presidents.

The Methodist Church honored him with a number of outstanding posts. In all of these he served with brilliant distinction. Dr. Turner watched the changes advocated in his church and weighed carefully what he considered their benefits to the ethnic group with which he was identified. His independence on many issues on the status of his group in the church may not have conformed always with other views regarded as enlightened on the question. *Dec. 1-16-53*

Most times he was, in the slang of the day, "straight" on those issues and ideas touching the basic aspirations of the group he served. Not only did he champion their cause but often sacrificed for it. In doing this he identified himself with the militant Christian leadership which is at war with injustice, intolerance and second-class citizenship. He preached and taught a Christianity based upon love, brotherhood and fellowship. Love has a way of inspiring one to see another simply as a person.

Others must come forward to work and achieve. What was done by Dr. Turner should serve as an inspiration to others. Birmingham and Alabama has plenty for one to do on the leadership level who desires to work and achieve in human relations, the field of goodwill and enlightened social action.



**NIGHT** James (Jimmy) died in an out-of-town hospital Jan. 27, 1953. Remains arrived in Tuskegee Jan. 28 for burial and funeral service which will be announced later. Survivors will be announced later. The People's Funeral Home in charge. 29 Ala.

## Funeral Services To Be Held For Prominent Negro Today

The Rev. Joseph Perry Phillips of Montgomery County, farmer, business man, rural leader, councillor and adviser, will be buried today on his 300-acre farm in the Gilmer Cemetery. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. from the First Baptist Church of Pike Road. The Rev. R. B. Ford of Tuskegee, Ala., who was a life long friend to the deceased, will deliver the eulogy. Bro. Wallace Campbell of Mt. Meigs, will conduct the Masonic rites ceremony. The body will lie at the family home until the funeral hour.

Rev. Phillips began life as a share cropper in 1898 shortly after his marriage. In the early days of his life, he became interested in the philosophy and ideals of Booker T. Washington. He made frequent trips to Tuskegee Institute to attend various meetings sponsored by the institute. In a very short while he became a disciple of Booker T. Washington.

The idea of home ownership impressed him greatly. His first attempt toward acquiring land was the purchase of 20 acres. After hearing Booker T. Washington talk about the ability of Negroes to acquire hundreds of acres of land, he was inspired to purchase more than 400 acres in the Black Belt of Alabama. Before the days of the boll weevil, he grew from 60 to 75 bales of cotton annually. During World War I, he was one of the three-minute speakers for the Federal Foods Administration for which he received a citation.

When the Agricultural Extension Service began in Alabama, he was one among the first Negroes to be appointed as a county agent. He served in this capacity until sometime in the early twenties when he went into the ministry. In the community in which he lived, he was very progressive. He was the first in his community, white or colored, to own an automobile. On his farm, he used some of the most modern farm equipment during the time he was actively engaged

in farming. In 1912 when Henry Ford was



THE REV. JOSEPH PHILLIPS

experimenting with the use of the soy bean for products in the manufacture of automobiles, as a farmer, Rev. Phillips was extended an invitation to come to Dearborn to work on the Ford Farm. This invitation was made through Patterson-Ingall Motor Company of Montgomery.

In Negro uplift work, he was one of the pioneers. He was an officer of the Negro Masons of Alabama, and at one time he held the position of Deputy Grand Master. He was a policy holder in many of the early Negro Insurance Companies which failed, such as Standard Life, National Benefit, and many fraternal organizations.

Rev. Phillips was a great believer in education, and in the early days of the Rosenwald program, he donated five acres of land for the purpose of erecting a Rosenwald school at Pike Road. A few years ago on this site, the Montgomery County Board of Education erected a public school building.



DR. W. L. TURNER

## Ala. High Mason, III. Year, Dies

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Dr. W. L. Turner, high Prince Hall Mason, 33rd degree, died last week in Birmingham following rites at St. Paul Methodist church in Birmingham. He was 63 years old.

He came following illness of more than a year during which he never lost hope. At his death were his wife, Mrs. Bertha Brown of Tennessee Colony, Texas, and Mesdames Annis Howard, Pearl Burns of Oakwood, Texas, his sisters.

Dr. Turner was a native of Oakwood, Texas, and pastored in Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi before coming to Alabama, where he pastored at St. Paul Methodist church in Birmingham and more recently at St. Paul church in Mobile.

He was a graduate of Wiley college in Marshall, Texas, and Beloit college in Wisconsin. He traveled extensively.

The Rev. Mr. Turner traveled extensively with his wife. At one time they served as missionaries in Africa and later after their sojourn through continental Europe and the British Isles, he headed the Stokes Bible School for Boys in Liberia.

It was here that he became extremely interested in African culture, and later because of the vast knowledge he learned on that continent, he was instrumental in getting scores of African students to study in the United States.

## IMPRESSIVE RITES HELD FOR REV. M. C. JACKSON

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Funeral services for the Rev. M. C. Jackson, Carver high school teacher and civic leader, were held Saturday, February 28, from the First CME Church. Bishop Bertram W. Doyle officiated.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson died suddenly at his residence, 726 Mill St. on Monday, February 23 after concluding a day's work at Carver.

Holder of two degrees from Alabama State College and one from Miles College, the Rev. Mr. Jackson was a pioneer in educational circles, both local and national. In addition, he was active in fraternal, business, church and civic affairs.

He was presiding elder of the First CME Church, Montgomery District; a 33rd degree Mason, with membership in the Supreme Council, Prince Hall Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons; vice-chancellor of Knights of Pythias of Alabama; member of St. James Paul Methodist church in Birmingham, Lodge No. 250, F. and A. M., and chancellor of New South No. 11.

The deceased was president of Alpha Eta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; member of the board of trustees of Hale Infirmary; member of the board of directors and secretary of Farm City Enterprises; and an officer of the American Teachers Association.

Mrs. Nina Wilson Hayes, wife of Wallace W. Hayes, died suddenly at her home in Greenwood Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock. She had not been ill, and died as a result of a heart attack, being pronounced dead at the arrival of the physician. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes came to Tuskegee from Fort Valley, Ga., in 1915 and Mr. Hayes worked on the Institute faculty for 24 years in the department of agriculture, being head of the truck garden.

Mrs. Hayes was a well known citizen in Tuskegee, being a member of the Greenwood Baptist Church, where the funeral will

be held Thursday at 2 p. m.

Survivors besides the husband are two children, Mrs. Ellicia Hayes Ammonds, of Utica Institute, Miss, and Mrs. Lucille Hayes Holland, of Washington, D. C., two grandchildren and a niece, of Brooklyn, N. Y.



## Rev. Charles Jeremiah Baker

At the ripe age of seventy-four, the Reverend Charles Jeremiah Baker, a minister of wide and splendid usefulness, is dead. He was pastor of Miller Memorial Presbyterian Church but his ministry was broader. In the truest sense he was a community pastor.

He was one of those pastors who held the ministry at its highest best and dignified the profession by the kind of services he rendered and the challenging, inspiring and upright life he lived. He would not compromise Christian principles with any wrongful practices of the community. He sought to pull the community practices up to Christian principles.

In the Emancipation Association of Birmingham and Vicinity he was a fixture. Hardly any one devoted more fruitful energy to it than he did. For he was a minister of freedom. At a time when the rockbed freedoms of this Nation are being attacked, threatened and imperiled ~~at the school, the pulpit and elsewhere~~, we need the soft, saintly, steady voice of Dr. Baker which could not be silenced by evil leaders.



## Mrs. C. C. Wier *Afro American* Dies In Alaska

KODIAK, Alaska—Mrs. Camilla C. Wier, 62, who was once featured in an AFRO success story as a colored woman who was making her way in the far north, died last week here at Griffith Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Wier, owner of the Specialty Eat Shop, was a resident of Kodiak since 1939 and had lived in the north for over 40 years. She was the manager of the Yum Yum Restaurant and one of the owners of the Ocean View Rooming House.

Mrs. Wier was born in Anniston, Ala. and taught in that state before coming to Alaska. In a feature story on her which appeared in the AFRO, September, 1951, Mrs. Wier first settled deep in the interior of Alaska where she operated a trading post for Indians and owned dog teams with which she made deliveries from her store.

The story on Mrs. Wier was written by Herbert Frisby, AFRO writer.

Mrs. Wier is survived by three nieces in Chicago, Georgia Mae, Caridad and Marquitta Summers.



## Noted Bahamas Official Dies

NASSAU Bahamas — (SNS) — Alfred Francis Adderley, prominent English attorney, died aboard a British Overseas Airways Corporation strato-cruiser enroute from London to Nassau, the Daily World learned Thursday. Attorney Adderley represented the Bahamas Island at the recent coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. He is reported to have died of leukemia.

The 62-year-old attorney and prominent leader of the Bahamas, was a member of the Queen's Executive Council, the advisory body to the governor of the Bahamas and a member of the Legislative Council, the upper house of the Bahamas Legislature.

The first Negro to act as Chief Justice of the Bahamas, Mr. Adderley was a member of the English bar and the Bahamas bar. He was the prosecutor of Alfred DeMarigny, acquitted of the murder of Sir Harry Oaks in 1942. He represented Duncan Martin in an assault action brought by Errol Flynn, the actor in March 1952.

The noted attorney is survived by two sons, one an attorney and the other a doctor.

The late Mr. Adderley was known by prominent people in Atlanta, among them being Dr. E. G. Bowden, pioneer citizen and practicing physician. Dr. and Mrs. Bowden were close friends of the attorney and his family. They resided with the attorney during their frequent trips to the Bahamas.

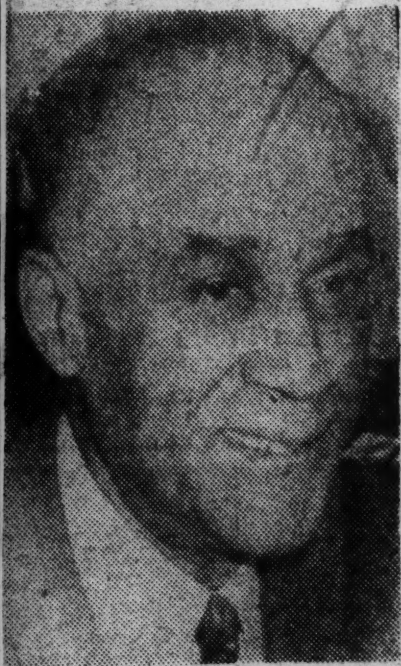


## Levi Nelson, Old Resident, Dies On Coast

Rites were scheduled Saturday for Levi Nelson, 67, of 4805 Forestville ave., who died Christmas day after a brief illness while visiting his son Levi jr., in Berkeley, Calif.

Nelson, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Tuskegee Institute, was a federal meat inspector at the Union Stockyards for 31 years until his retirement in 1951.

A member of Jubilee Temple ME church, Nelson was the widower of Mrs. Nettie Waterford Nelson, who died in 1940. His funeral was scheduled for Waterford chapel



LEVI NELSON

at 5438 State st., with burial in Lincoln cemetery.

Nelson is survived by two sons, Levi jr., and Harry Clark Nelson, four daughters, Mrs. Fansyde Calloway, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Violet Robinson, and Dolly Nelson, and two brothers, Robert Y. and Harry Clark Nelson of Doylestown, Pa.

A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Young of Memphis, Tenn., also survives.

## JEFFRIES FUNERAL SET FOR SATURDAY

Service for Former Champion  
Will Be Held at His Home in  
Burbank—He Died at 77

WON BOXING TITLE IN 1889

He Retired 6 Years Later, but  
Lost to Johnson in Vain Bid  
to Regain Crown in 1910

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LOS ANGELES, March 4—Hundreds of friends and admirers of James J. Jeffries, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, who died in his Burbank home last night, will attend a funeral service for him at 11 A. M. Saturday. He will be buried in Inglewood Park.

The body will lie in state in the Jeffries home Friday. Mr. Jeffries, 77 years old, suffered a stroke several years ago, but had been in fair health since.

He had lived quietly in Burbank for the last twenty-five years, and continued to take an active interest in boxing, although he had little respect for the present heavyweight boxers. He was, in the opinion of Jack Dempsey, one of the greatest fighters in the world. Mr. Dempsey said: "Jim was more than a friend to me. He was my idol."

The cause of death, according to attending physicians, was coronary thrombosis. At his side when he died were his niece and housekeeper, Mrs. Lillian Bull, and Al Morro, a fighter developed by Jeffries many years ago.

Mr. Jeffries had conducted fights for many months in what is known as the Jeffries Barn.

His wife, Mrs. Frieda Jeffries, was killed in 1941 when struck by an automobile.

Besides his niece, Mr. Jeffries leaves a brother, Jack of San Diego; two sisters, Mrs. Almata Boyer and Mrs. Lillian Metcalf, both of this area.

### His Popularity World-Wide

About the time that brown derbies, whatnots and mustache cups were losing favor in the land, the United States—indeed, all the world—worshiped big Jim Jeffries

as the mightiest heavyweight boxer in history.

Some there were, of course, who disputed his right to the title. They argued that big Jim lacked one great fighter ingredient—natural viciousness, a thirst for blood.

He came of God-fearing parents. His father, a Free Methodist preacher who exhorted street-corner crowds in Los Angeles, rather frowned on his brawny son making a living at fisticuffs, but came to boast of it, in a mild sort of way.

Big Jim's folks, on the father's side, were of old English stock; his mother's, Holland Dutch. All their sons were of giant mold, but Jim was the biggest—and at the same time the gentlest; slow to anger.

James J. Jeffries was born in Carroll, Fairfield County, not far from Toledo, Ohio, on April 15, 1875. He was "rising 7," as his father put it later, when the family moved to California.

Not far from the Jeffries home was an old mine where most of the neighborhood lads, if they were big enough, worked for a living. At 15 Jim was acknowledged champion wrestler of that rough crowd.

At 16 he worked in the Lacey Manufacturing Company, a boiler works near Los Angeles, and he came to be known throughout his fighting career both as "Big Jim" and as "The Boilermaker."

There have been several legends about his first professional fight. The true version seems to be that he was forced into it through no design of his own by Hank Griffin, who was chief bully in the tough Lacey crew.

Griffin walked into a saloon one afternoon in 1893, so the story went, threw a handful of gold coins on the bar and bellowed that he could whip any man in the works for the full amount or for any part of it.

Word got around and some ambitious local boy arranged the bout. The bellowing Griffin got his, with extra measure. At the end of the fourteenth round a crushing body blow put him out for the night.

### Retired Undefeated in 1905

That launched the "Big Feller." His career was comparatively brief—less than twenty-five fights in a little under eight years—but in that period he mowed them down like ripe wheat. He retired, undefeated, in 1905.

He liked to recall, later, that until the famous comeback failure, when he was battered down in Reno by the Negro, Jack (Lil' Arthur) Johnson, no opponent ever knocked him down, or even made him back up.

The historic Jeffries crouch, in which the giant converted himself into a solid arc to protect his

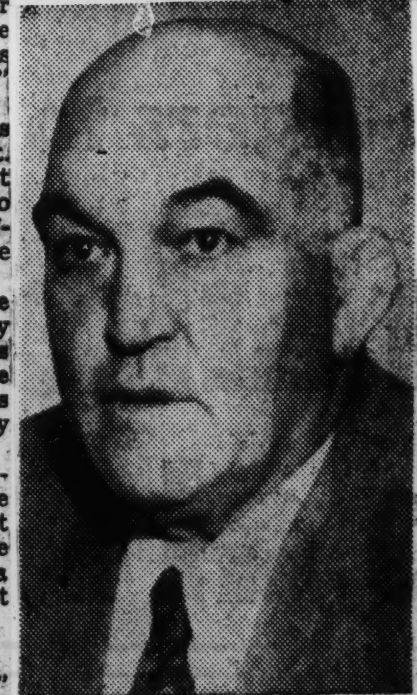
stomach and jaw, found many imitators. With Jeff, though, it was a bitterly learned trick.

After he had knocked out Hank Griffin, three years passed before he took on Dan Long of Denver in a match for \$1,000. He broke Mr. Long's nose in the second round. A ferocious bruiser yclept Eddie (Slaughter House) Baker was the next victim; out in nine rounds at San Francisco.

Jeffries' admirers thought he was invincible and were for putting him against the rugged Gollath of the distant East without further experience, but he needed one more lesson, and he got it from Johnny Brink, a Los Angeles business man.

Brink knew that the genial Boilermaker was a bit crude. He undertook to teach him a few tricks, and they'd work out together in a Los Angeles gymnasium. One day Brink ripped in a body blow that almost blew Jeffries's liver and lights.

The blow crippled him, but it taught him that, strong as he was, there was a limit to the punishment he could absorb. He had to perfect a stance to cover the vulnerable spot that the shrewd Brink



JAMES J. JEFFRIES

had touched; the stance was the famous crouch.

Harry Corbett, brother of Gentleman Jim, heard of the lusty Boilermaker and sent him out to Carson City to help Jim Corbett train for one of his fights. Jeff took plenty of punishment there, but learned a lot.

Back East the sports writers began to take notice of the Genial Giant. They were amazed when

he slugged toe to toe with the cunning veteran, Joe Choynski.

At Coney Island, one blistering hot night in June, 1899, the Boilermaker, dripping perspiration, faced lanky Bob Fitzsimmons. The Cornishman, older and cooler, had the best of everything for nine rounds. In the eleventh his nose furrowed the resin three times. Then he could not get up before the bell. Jeffries was champion.

Five months later, again at Coney Island, Jeffries beat Tom Sharkey. In 1902 he took Fitzsimmons on a second time, and again, in the first eight rounds Foxy Fitz slashed Jeffries' face, and had a big advantage. Then down he went, almost blown apart by a crusher to the midriff.

Jim Corbett, the soul of caution, made the mistake, in his fight with his former sparring partner, of trying to slug it out with big Jeff. The fight had gone twenty-two rounds, with Corbett leading on points, but the fans, howling for blood, were shrieking:

"Get in there, Corbett, and fight!"

Corbett made the fatal mistake in the twenty-third round of casting caution aside. George Considine, his manager, begged him to ignore the roaring fanatics, to keep on boxing, but Corbett was seeing red—while he saw at all. He went in, punching, and went down, bruised and battered. The Boilermaker ruined him that night.

### Glorified in Art

Those were not the golden days of prizefighting, though—not financially; he was lucky to get as much as \$5,000, even for his big bouts. Still, he was a man of simple tastes and was able, when he retired, to buy himself a nice stock ranch in Burbank, Calif. No more mountain climbing, no more long hikes on fishing trips. He went abroad; met princes and kings—and began to go soft.

He owned blooded dogs, basked in the flattering admiration of fellow-townsmen and of visitors, and was well on the way to becoming merely another big, fat man—he was 6 feet 1½ inches in height and fought at 220 pounds—when canny promoters hauled him out of retirement with the plea that the world needed "a white hope" to beat the new Negro champion, Jack Johnson.

Ballyhoo without end finally did the trick—that and the promise of a \$101,000 purse, a sum unheard of in Jeff's early fighting days. He trained with old Joe Choynski as his adviser and at 35 years of age, on July 4, 1910, faced the powerful Johnson under a blazing Nevada sun in Reno. There was no radio in those days, but late in the afternoon the humming telegraph wires brought the news that shocked

the war Jeffries kept in condition by cultivating a victory amateur boxing shows and assisted in putting on sports shows for service men.

He had ups and downs in his business ventures. He was in the news for a paragraph or two in 1940 when, after reading that Jack Dempsey had challenged Gene Tunney to box for the Red Cross, he offered to take men on the winner—"provided either can go over four rounds." He was 65 at the time.

In 1941 his wife, Frieda, 60, was killed when struck by an automobile. They had been married thirty-seven years. Jeffries met her in New York when he was on tour as

the Jeffries worshippers. He was knocked out in the fifteenth round.

The Turn of the Tide

Praise turned to abuse. At crossroads stores, around the cracker barrel; in rich barrooms and clubrooms draped with dusty red plush, the disappointed fight fans heaped anathemas on "Big Jeff." Their idol had let them down. Then grew the legend that Jeffries had been "doped" before the fight, but he admitted, since he was a fair and honest man, that the "dope" and the Nelson stories were so much



# Jessie Grayson

## First Film 'Mrs.'

Made Debut In 'Little Foxes';  
Starred In 'Cass Timberlake'

HOLLYWOOD — Funeral services were held here recently for Mrs. Jessie Cole Grayson, Hollywood's most beloved singer and dramatic actress.

Iowa - born, Mrs. Grayson made her film debut in Hollywood in 1938 in "The Little Foxes," playing the role of Addie, the housekeeper.

### Drew Wide Praise

The role drew praise from the critics and public and was considered one of the best parts ever written for a colored actress.

Since that time she had played in more than a dozen pictures in the role of maid, servant or housekeeper.

### Never Offended Race

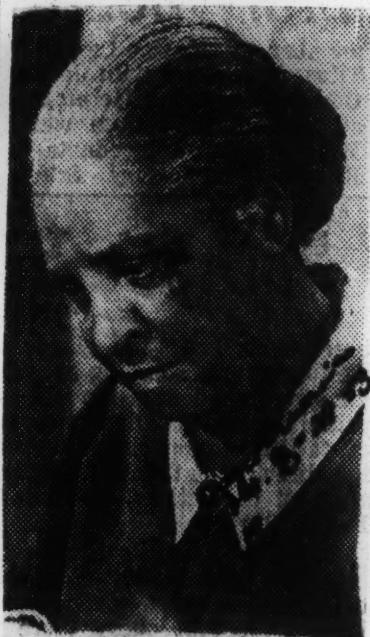
Of her career, she once said: "I've been lucky, yes. I've never played a part detrimental to my race. I've never been forced to wear anything on my head or use dialect words."

In one of her last pictures, MGM's "Cass Timberlake," co-starring Spencer Tracy and Lana Turner, she played "Mrs. Higby," the housekeeper, perhaps the first time in film history that a colored maid had been called "Mrs."

### Mother Of Two

Mrs. Grayson in her early seventies at the time of her death, at the age of 58, completed a tour with the stage play "Deep Are the Roots."

The mother of two married children, she lived with her retired husband in their own home in Los Angeles.



MRS. GRAYSON

## Mrs. M.E. Cole, Methodist founder, dies

Death, as it must to all, had come this week after a long and eventful life to near 40-year Los Angeles resident, Mrs. Martha Ella Cole, head of a large and well known local family.

Mrs. Cole, who was 86 only last February, died after a brief confinement to her bed, at the long-time family residence at 1317 E. Washington Blvd.

She was the mother of Louis V. Cole, local newspaperman and publicist, and of five other children, four of whom resided here, including Mrs. Jimnetta Cole Rollins Pickens, Mrs. Juanita Minor Vance Cole, Jr., Bertrand Aaron Cole, and Mrs. Libby Cousin, of San Diego.

Resident of Los Angeles since 1915, Mrs. Cole was the widow

of the late Rev. Vance M. Cole, who pastored Mason Chapel Methodist church before its removal to 18th and Naomi where it became known as Hamilton Methodist.

Funeral services for the pioneer were held yesterday from Hamilton, the present pastor, the Rev. D. D. Turpeau, presiding. Special mourners were the members of the Ladies Aid Society, which Mrs. Cole served for 35 years as president, and from which she retired only last month when she became bedridden.

With her husband, Mrs. Cole helped found the first Methodist Episcopal Negro congregation in Tucson, where the family lived before coming here.

Founding Methodist Episcopal churches was a tradition in her husband's family. His father, also the Rev. Vance M. Cole, Sr., founded Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal church in Galveston, Tex.

The late woman met her husband at Wiley college in Texas in 1886, where they were both students. The late Rev. Cole, well remembered by many locals, died here in retirement after a long service in the ministry, in 1950.

In addition to the six children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren survive. Grandchildren are Mrs. Raynetta Rollins Reed, Mrs. Gloria Thompson, Harold Lloyd, and Louis Cole, Jr. A stepsister of the late woman also survives, Mrs. Bessie G. Rountree, and a nephew, Allen Moore, of Pasadena, and other out of state kin.

Funeral services were in charge of Roberts Mortuary, with burial at Evergreen cemetery.

## Was Singer And Pianist

Biggest Hit Was Film 'Casablanca'

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — Arthur (Dooley) Wilson, 67, stage, screen and TV actor, died here last week following a long illness.

Death was attributed to inflammation of the spinal nerve. He is survived by his wife, the former Estelle Williams, retired physiotherapist, a native

of New York City, and a native of Texas. Wilson, born in Tyler, Texas, began trouping at the age of eight with Western medicine shows and recuses for \$3 a week. The height of his career he made \$2.00 a week as a single.

Between 1910 and 1914 he went to New York, where he sang with the late James Reese Europe's band, which was a feature of the MEA during World War I.

Following Europe's death (stabbed by his drummer), Wilson formed his own band abroad, toured from Paris to Casablanca and Port Said.

### Scored In "Casablanca"

Wilson probably made his biggest hit singing and playing "As Time Goes By" in the film, "Casablanca," which co-starred Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. His recording of the tune sold 300,000 copies.

However, he broke into the film spotlight in "A Night in New Orleans" which co-starred Preston Foster and Pat Morrison.

Other pictures in which he appeared were: "My Favorite Blonde," "Take a Letter, Darling," "Cairo," "Stormy Weather," playing second lead to the late Bill (Bojangles) Robinson; and "Two Tickets to London."

### Played With Gilpin

He was a former member of the Anita Bush Stock company, which was composed of himself, the late Charles Gilpin, Andrew Bishop, Carlotta Freeman and Miss Bush.

He barnstormed with numerous road shows including "Strangler Fig," "Of Mice and Men" and "Barnstormers," which was headed by Francis Cleveland, son of an ex-president of the U.S.

### Teamed With Carpenter

At one time he teamed with Elliott Carpenter, pianist, rated among the best in the country. They toured Europe shortly after World War I.

Dooley returned to New York from Europe in 1926 and for a while operated a liquor store in Seventh ave., giving this up in 1935 to join the Federal theatre in Harlem.

With the Federal Theatre Project he played in such vehicles as "The Show-Off," "Androcles and the Lion" and the Broadway production of "Cabin in the Sky."



**BURIED**—Dooley Wilson, veteran stage and screen actor, was buried in Los Angeles on Saturday. Kites for the nationally famous song stylist were attended by many film, stage, screen and radio figures. He had been in poor health for three years. Wilson won national fame as singing valet of Humphrey Bogart in the film, "Casablanca."



Mrs. Rosa L. Weller of Connecticut

# Noted AMEZ Worker Dies

WATERBURY, Conn. — One of the best and most active workers of the AME Zion Church died Aug. 23 in the Waterbury (Conn.) Hospital. She was Mrs. Rosa L. Weller, wife of Dr. S. W. Weller, who after thirty-four years of service was retired in June 1950.

Mrs. Weller presided recently at the opening session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the AME Zion Church held in conjunction with the Connecticut Council and Bishops Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.

She had served as national president of this body since

her election to that office at Winston-Salem, N. C., in 1950.

Earlier she had served as president of the Connecticut State Union of Women, as supervisor

of the missionary work in the Second Episcopal District of

the AME Zion Church under the district of Rev. J. J. Walls, and had been director

of Christian Education in the New England Conference of

the AME Zion Church.

Always active in civic affairs and deeply interested in youth education and activities, Mrs.

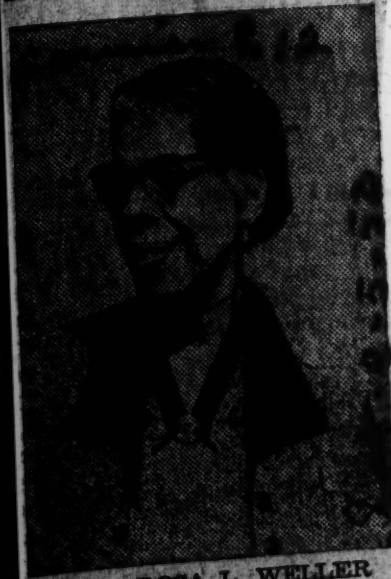
Weller had taken part in the National Commission on Children and Youth's White House

Conference with President Truman. She had been appointed to the commission by Gov. Chester Bowles of Connecticut. *dat. 9-5-53*

Mrs. Weller was born in Columbia, S. C., the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Josiah Lowery. Her father was presiding elder of the Columbia District of the Palmetto Conference and of the AME Zion Church.

A graduate of Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Weller taught at Clinton College, Rock Hill, S. C., prior to her marriage to Dr. Weller in 1912.

Besides her widower, she is survived by four children and six grandchildren. Her children are Fritz William Weller, Mrs. Constance Odell of Wilmington, N. C.; Mrs. Marian Potter of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Rena Karefa-Smart of Monrovia, Liberia, whose husband, Dr. John Karefa-Smart, is medical adviser to the Liberian Government.



MRS. ROSA L. WELLER  
... lived useful life



## W. L. Houston buried in D.C.

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Funeral services for William L. Houston, 83, father of the late Charles H. Houston, were held last afternoon in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel at Howard University.

The Rev. Arthur F. Elmes, pastor of Peoples Congregation church officiated. Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, spoke briefly.

Judge William H. Hastie of the Fourth United States Circuit Court of Appeals Philadelphia, a distant relative, read a biographical sketch of Mr. Houston. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial cemetery.

Mr. Houston died of an intestinal ailment in Freedmen's hospital last Wednesday, Sept. 9. He was ill nearly three months.

Judge Hastie mentioned resolutions on the death of Mr. Houston sent by the Washington Bar Association, of which he was a member; the faculty of the Howard law school, where he once taught, and the NAACP, including the Baltimore Branch.

### Lawyers Mourn

Judge Hastie read one from a group of lawyers from all over the country, who were meeting in New York to prepare for reargument of the five school segregation cases which are pending before the United States Supreme Court.

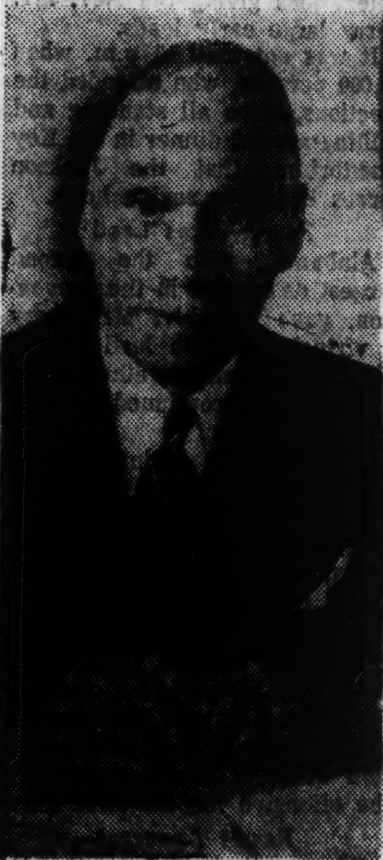
Signers of this message included Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP; George E. C. Hayes, Frank Reeves and James M. Nabrit Jr., of Washington; Oliver W. Hill and Spottswood Robinson, Richmond, Va.; W. Robert Ming, Chicago; Louis L. Redding of Wilmington, Delaware, and Robert L. Carter, a member of the NAACP legal staff, New York City.

Mr. Houston was born in Mound City, Illinois, May 14, 1870, the eldest son among seven children. While he was a boy, his family moved to Evansville, Indiana, where he received his early schooling.

### Started As Teacher

In 1890, he was appointed principal of a school in Paducah,

Kentucky, but in the first year of his principalship he took a United States civil service examination and as a result was appointed a clerk in the War



W. L. HOUSTON

Department in Washington.

After coming to Washington, he married Miss Mary E. Hamilton, whom he had met in Paducah, and enrolled in the Howard University law school. He graduated from the law school May 30, 1892, and was admitted to the District of Columbia bar December 18, 1892.

On December 19, 1952, the bar and bench of the District of Columbia honored Mr. Houston on the sixtieth anniversary of his admission to the bar.

### Retired in 1936

Mr. Houston was a member of the faculty of the Howard University law school from 1911 to his retirement in 1936. From 1937 to 1942 he was a special assistant to the Attorney General. He was a member of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia from 1921 to 1924. He served two terms as president of the Washington Bar Association and also as president of the National Bar Association.

Active in fraternal affairs, he was a member of Sigma Phi Pi and from 1908 to 1910 he was grand master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. He also was an Elk.

### Three Survivors

Mr. Houston became a Democrat in 1932 and campaigned for Franklin Delano Roosevelt for President. He served on the inaugural committees for both President Roosevelt and President Truman. Until his death he was a member and treasurer of the Democratic Central Committee of the District of Columbia.

His grandson, Charles H. Houston Jr., survives as his only direct descendant. His other survivors include his sister, Miss Clotill M. Houston, with whom he resided at 1744 S. St., NW and a brother, Dr. Ulysses Houston.



# Legal frat founder dies

J. H. K. Renfro is stricken after talk

WASHINGTON

With the applause of fraternity brothers still ringing in his ears, J. H. K. Renfro, 49, one of the founders of Sigma Delta Tau, a legal fraternity, died suddenly of a heart attack at a meeting of the organization, Tuesday night.

The meeting, which commemorated the 20th anniversary of the organization founded among students and graduates of the Terrell Law school and the law school of Howard University, was held in the 100 block R st., ne.

Mr. Renfro delivered a 15-minute address in which he recalled the founding of the fraternity, its accomplishments, and its aims for the future.

## Lights "Hot"

Once during the speech, Mr. Renfro complained that the "lights were pretty hot," but went on to finish it.

As he walked to his seat, the 38 brothers assembled enthusiastically applauded his remarks.

The prolonged standing ovation caused him to rise from his chair to acknowledge them. He bowed graciously and suddenly collapsed, it was reported.

He brushed against Bernard Kemp, who was next to him, as he fell. Carlisle Pratt, chief justice of the fraternity, rushed to his side and with the assistance of Harold Hawthorne attempted to revive him.

## Stunned

According to Mr. Pratt, it was fully 30 minutes before the members could realize the full significance of what had occurred.

Health Department ambulance No. 7 arrived on the scene and Dr. W. A. Warren pronounced Mr. Renfro dead at 10 p.m.

The attorney's wife, Mrs. Cecilia Renfro, notified about the tragedy about 1 a.m., Wednesday morning, was prostrated by

the news.

She was given sedatives and under a physician's care on Wednesday.

## Second Tragedy

It was the second time that tragedy struck in Mrs. Renfro's family. Less than a month ago, her sister, Mrs. Virginia Bradshaw, died.

According to Mr. Renfro's friends, he appeared to be in good health.

The AFRO was told that Mr. Renfro quit his job with the post office department about 15 days prior to his death to devote full time to his law practice.

## Finished Terrell

He finished Terrell law school in 1937 and became a member of the District bar in 1946. He was associated with the law firm of Weeks, Dedmond and Renfro.

Perry Howard, the veteran GOP committeeman from Mississippi, recalled that Mr. Renfro was assigned to him as a messenger, while he (Mr. Howard) was a special assistant to the attorney general in 1921.

## A Court Attache

Mr. Renfro, after leaving the Justice Department, was an attache of the late Judge Alan T. Goldsborough. In 1946, he became employed in the post office department.

He resided with his wife at 533 23rd pl., ne and had no children.

Mr. Pratt said of his death:

"It was one of the most dramatic events that I have ever witnessed. We mourn his passing, but feel the manner in which he died will prove an inspiration to the fraternity's members to carry on in the organization to which he gave birth as a memorial to him."

## Court Justices To Attend Funeral Of Negro Messenger

WASHINGTON—(INS)—A majority of the U. S. Supreme Court justices, including Chief Justice Earl Warren, said they will attend the funeral of Harry N. Parker, 74-year-old Negro court messenger who died Monday after 30 years of service.

The funeral is to be held today at St. Augustine's Catholic Church.



**SUPREME COURT JUSTICES ATTEND MESSENGER'S FUNERAL.**—A majority of the United States Supreme Court justices attended the funeral of Harry N. Parker, a 74-year-old court messenger who died November 2 after 39 years of service. At the services were, from

left, first row: Chief Justice Earl Warren, Justice Sherman Minton, Justice Thomas Clark. Second row, front left, Justice Felix Frankfurter, Justice Harold Burton, Mrs. Burton. Third row, from left, Justice Robert Jackson and Mrs. Jackson.—INP Photo.



# Elk Leader's Niece Hangs Self In D.C.

*After funeral*  
J. Finley Wilson's Bothrobe Cord Is Found Hanging From Guard Rail Of Third Floor At 1813 Vernon St., N.W.  
*2-27-53*

By LOIS TAYLOR

## WASHINGTON

Mrs. Yvonne Lucas Jackson, 34-year-old niece of the widow of J. Finley Wilson was found hanging in her aunt's home here last Monday. The coroner issued a certificate of suicide.

Mrs. Leah F. Wilson, widow of the Elk leader, discovered the body of her attractive niece hanging by a cord from a bathrobe which belonged to Mr. Wilson and which had been tied around the guard rail of the third floor at 1813 Vernon st., n.w.

It was the third suicide by this means reported in the nation's capital during the past few days. Sgt. Lionel L. Couture of the homicide squad said that no notes had been left by Mrs. Jackson, who was a social work supervisor in Richmond.

## Has Prominent Family

She was the daughter of a prominent Virginia family and wife of Leonidas Jackson, assistant head of the Anatomical Division, Virginia Health Department. Relatives said that although she had been in a nervous condition, Mrs. Jackson had given no hint of the depression which apparently led to her death.

She has a 10-year-old daughter by a former marriage who was at school here when the tragedy occurred.

## Funeral Held Saturday

Mrs. Jackson was the daughter of Mrs. Alma Farrar Lucas of 808 N. Fourth st., Richmond. Her funeral was held Saturday at the Second Baptist Church where she was an active member.

The Rev. O. D. Brown, her pastor officiated and burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Jackson told the AFRO on Wednesday afternoon that he had visited his wife in D.C. exactly a week before her death and she

had appeared at the time to be in excellent spirits.

He said he understood that she was last seen alive by her aunt and was reading a magazine Monday morning when Mrs. Wilson left the house to go down town.

Sergeant Couture said that Mrs. Wilson left at about 11 a.m. to keep a business appointment and returned home at about 2 p.m. She had asked Mrs. Jackson to accompany her but Mrs. Jackson declined.

It was not until Mrs. Wilson came upstairs that she discovered the lifeless body of her niece, and cut the cord by which she was suspended with a pair of small scissors.

Mrs. Wilson then telephoned Dr. James T. Walker who pronounced Mrs. Jackson dead and notified the coroner, Sergeant Couture stated.

## Was Fully Clothed

He said that Mrs. Jackson was fully clothed and that the other end of the cord found looped around her neck had been tied over the rail and around posts in the third-floor stair case. She then apparently walked down the steps until she strangled.

It was in a similar manner that a prominent white U.S. State department official, John C. Montgomery, 42, was found to have hanged himself in his Georgetown residence early last Saturday morning.

Wednesday morning, police reported a third suicide when Caudido Rillon, 52-year-old Filipino, was discovered hanging suspended on a clothesline from the railing of basement steps at 306 S. Carolina ave., se.

## Attended Funeral Of Grand

Washingtonians recalled that Mrs. Jackson's death came slightly less than a year after the demise of Grand. Exalted Ruler Wilson who died last Feb. 19.

Mrs. Jackson, who was active in the Queen Esther temple of the Elks in Richmond, came to Washington for the funeral of the "Grand" and later returned to the capital, where she had been living with Mrs. Wilson since last June.

A native of Richmond, she was the daughter of the late

Ashby Lucas, graduated from Armstrong High School in Richmond, and obtained her B.A. degree from Virginia State College.

## Active In Civic Life

Mrs. Jackson also attended Howard University and obtained her master's degree from the university of Michigan, where she had begun studying for a Ph.D. degree. She was a social work supervisor in Detroit before becoming the first member of her race to hold a similar post in Richmond.

She married Mr. Jackson in that city three years ago.

Mrs. Jackson at one time was a contributor to the AFRO and aided in Christmas events, arranged for underprivileged children by this newspaper. She also organized the Youth Activities Committee at Second Baptist Church and was on the board of directors of Community hospital.

She was a member of the board of the Southern Aid Insurance Company, active in YWCA and YMCA affairs and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

**Joseph Trigg**  
*After funeral*  
**Buried Feb. 11**  
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**Was Alderman In Tenn. And Editor**

*Bad name*  
**WASHINGTON**  
Funeral services for Joseph M. Trigg who died Saturday, Feb.

7 at his Lincoln Road home, in Washington, D.C. were held Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Plymouth Congregational church, the Rev. L. Maynard Catchings officiating.

Mr. Trigg, born in Abingdon, Va. in 1867, was educated in the public schools and at Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, Petersburg, Va.

When 20 years of age he went to Knoxville, Tenn. to live, in which place he distinguished himself in many ways.

He was associate editor of the New South, colored newspaper;

and later became editor and owner of the Republican Eagle.

He was elected Alderman from the 5th Ward, Knoxville; re-elected at the close of his term; and became the first Alderman in the City of Knoxville to introduce an ordinance for free textbooks for school children.

In June 1892 Mr. Trigg was married to Miss Cora F. Martin of Knoxville. And to this union, four children were born, Mrs. Irene T. McDuffie and Kermit M., D.C. teachers; and Doctors Joseph E. and Frank H. Trigg.

## Called Colonel

Mr. Trigg's career was colorful indeed. At the outbreak of the Spanish American War, Judge Henry Gibson of the 2nd Congressional District, appointed young Trigg a lieutenant, Company A, 8th Immune Regiment. But due to the fact that he was an Alderman and a leader in the movement to have a regiment organized and commissioned from Tennessee, he declined the Lieutenantcy, expecting a colonelcy, and being so assured by the Governor in the event the War Department increased Tennessee's quota.

But Tennessee's quota was not increased, the war ended shortly, and Mr. Trigg missed the colonelcy. But by this time his friends were already calling him "Colonel," and the title remained with him through the years.

In 1904 "Colonel" Trigg was appointed a clerk in the Knoxville Post Office, the first colored person to hold such a job.

In 1908 he transferred to Washington in order to secure for his children the fine educational facilities of the capital.

The "Colonel" retired from the Post Office in 1932; became one of the organizers of the Federal Annuitants' Relief Association, and served as its president continuously since 1933.

After a beautiful life together for 60 years, Mrs. Trigg died September 26, 1952. And now the "Colonel's" gone to join her.

In addition to their four children, one grandchild, Joseph C. Trigg, survives.

Interment was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

# Dr. Nixon Paid Final Tribute

## Mourners Of Both Races Fill Church During Her Funeral

### WASHINGTON

Mourners of both races filled Calvary Episcopal church, Tuesday, as final rites were held for Dr. Ethel Nixon Mounsey, renowned psychiatrist.

The brief and impressive services were conducted by the Rev. James O. West, rector. Flags hung at half mast in the church auditorium.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Tears filled the eyes of many, as the rector's voice echoed solemnly throughout the church.

Delores, 11, one of Dr. Nixon's three young daughters, sobbed softly, as Mrs. Alma Brown sang "Pray For Me."

Floral wreaths of varied descriptions flanked the ivory casket and directly in front of it was a wreath of roses, depicting a bleeding heart.

The brilliant psychiatrist's husband, Frank Mounsey, well-known Washington real estate man, walked with slow, determined steps, as the casket was carried from the church. His eyes were red. His face was tense.

The oldest daughter, Mera, 14, walked to his right, her tiny fingers firmly gripped on her father's arm.

Delores wept softly. Francine, 8, the youngest child, cast her eyes to the ground as the family moved toward the limousine that headed the procession of more than 40 cars to Woodlawn cemetery.

Among the mourners were doctors from the Crownsville (Md.) State hospital for the insane, Johns Hopkins hospital (Baltimore) from the class of 1934—Dr. Nixon's class — of Howard university's medical school.

Drs. Louis Harmon, Walter Shervington, Baltimore; Jesse Miller, Harold Edgehill George

Thorne, NYC; Maynard Law, Roanoke, Va.; Walter Johnson, Covington, Va.; and Roland Scott, Washington.

Pallbearers included Dr. Sterling Lloyd and Waldo Webb, Charles Baltimore, Radcliffe Robinson, Robert Stewart, Colston Stewart and Henry Saylesa.

Also at the funeral were members from the Roanoke and Richmond chapters of the Girl Friends, Inc. Dr. Nixon was a member of the Washington chapter and at one time was president of the local group. The Richmond members were Lillian Brown, Grace Binga and Lillie Brodnax. Mrs. Adelaide Johnson came from Roanoke.

Dr. Nixon, as she was known professionally, died at 8:38 p.m., Saturday, at her palatial home in the 2900 block University ter., Spring Valley. She was the victim of a rare blood disease.

The first of her race to join the psychiatry staff at Johns Hopkins hospital, Dr. Nixon was employed in psychiatric work at Crownsville at the time of her death.

## Great Future

As the funeral procession moved slowly from the church to the accompanying strains of "Going Home," Dr. George Sutherland, chief of education and training in the department of mental hygiene, Baltimore, Md., remarked to the AFRO:

"Dr. Nixon was cut short in the midst of a brilliant career. She had a great future ahead of her."

Dr. Sutherland had in his possession a copy of Dr. Nixon's manual, "Basic Psychology."



## Father Who Sent 10 To College Passes In N. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (ANP) — James Edward Cooper, the father of 10 college-educated children, died last week following a lengthy illness.

Born in Martin County, N. C., May 7, 1874, Cooper moved to Washington when he was 15. He later opened his own business and operated it for 30 years. After retiring from this business, he ran a grocery store until his health failed.

Though neither Cooper nor his wife had a college education, they both decided that their children should have the advantage of college training. Four of the children have master's degrees.

Cooper is survived by ten children: Miss Louise Cooper, Washington, supervisor in Martin County; Mrs. B. B. Long, former teacher in the Rocky Mount schools; Miss Helen O. Cooper, teacher in the Washington schools; Mrs. Ruth C. Dawkins, teacher in New York City; Edward L. Cooper, executive secretary Boston (Mass.) Urban League.

Robert L. Cooper, director of the School for Delinquent Girls, New York; Cornelius J. Cooper and James E. Cooper, in private business in New York; Clarence Cooper, social worker in New York, and George C. Cooper, in private business in Dayton, Ohio.

## Last Rites For Mrs. Jane Hope Lyons, Former Spelman Dean

Mrs. Jane Hope Lyons, who in June, 1946, was retired from her post as dean of women at Spelman College, died on Tuesday, May 10, at the home of her daughter, Miss Hope Lyons, a principal in the public school system of the nation's capital.

Funeral services for the deceased were held at 10:30 a. m. on Saturday, May 23, at McGuire's Funeral Parlor on Ninth Street, N. W., Washington, between S. and T. Streets.

Mrs. Lyons made her last visit to Atlanta in April, 1950, when she attended the unveiling of a bust of her brother, the late Dr. John Hope, on the occasion of the Fifth John Hope Lecture, which was sponsored by Atlanta University and presented by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche.

For a number of years, Mrs. Lyons was on the staff of Morehouse College. She is known by hundreds of Morehouse graduates for her wise and sympathetic counseling.

Upon her retirement from Spelman in 1946, mention was made that for the first time in nearly half a century, a member of the Hope family had not been connected with the Atlanta University System.

Dr. Hope, who was president of Morehouse College, 1906-1931, Morehouse College, 1906-1931, served as president of Atlanta University, 1929-1936. He joined the faculty of Atlanta Baptist College, now Morehouse College, in 1898, just eight years before he was named to the presidency.

In commenting upon the retirement of Dean Lyons, President Florence M. Read of Spelman College made the following statement: "I am convinced that Mrs. Lyons has had no peer in the last quarter of a century in the selflessness of her devotion to the welfare of Spelman students.

Though progressive in her attitude, she never compromised between right and wrong. Spelman students and graduates have regarded her as an unfailing friend."

The widow of the late Judson W. Lyons, one of Morehouse's distinguished graduates who became register of the treasury during the administrations of William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Lyons is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Alice Lyons Wright of New York City; Miss Edith Lyons

of Washington, D. C. and Miss Hope Lyons, with whom Mrs. Lyons made her home.

## Judges pay tribute to W. L. Houston

WASHINGTON

Tribute to the late William L. Houston, who died early last Wednesday morning, was paid in open court that day by Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws of the U. S. District Court and Judge Alexander Holtzoff, also of U. S. District Court.

Their comments came after Joel Blackwell, president of the Washington Bar Association, announced Mr. Houston's death to the court and moved that the minutes for the day show adjournment in memory of Mr. Houston.

The veteran attorney, who was 83 years old at death, had practiced law in Washington for 60 years. He was buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery Saturday, following last rites in Rankin Chapel at Howard University.

Grandson, 11, Survives  
Father of the late Charles Houston, noted NAACP lawyer and civic leader, Mr. Houston is survived by a grandson, Charles H. Houston Jr., 11; a brother, Dr. Ulysses Houston, a sister, Miss Clotilde Houston; and other relatives.

Judge Holtzoff, upon hearing of Mr. Houston's death, stated:

"The court has heard with great regret the news of the passing of W. L. Houston. For many years he was an active and honorable member of this bar and also an attorney I respected in one of the government departments.

Personal Acquaintance

"He was a man who was active in many civic activities and he made a mark in the community.

"It so happens that this member of the court has had a personal acquaintance with Mr. Houston, lasting over a great many years and therefore I feel a sense of personal loss in his

passing.

"He was a gentleman, a man of fine sensibilities, broad-minded, kind and considerate, as well as a lawyer of great ability.

'Profound Regret'

"His passing is a loss to the bar and to the community. When this court adjourns, the adjournment will be in honor of and respect to the memory of Mr. Houston."

Chief Judge Laws, in acknowledging Mr. Blackwell's motion, said:

"Mr. Blackwell, the court hears with profound regret of the

passing of this fine leader of the bar, Mr. Houston.

"I personally have known Mr. Houston since I first came to the bar in 1913, having sat on the opposite side in trial of cases with him, and for the past 15 years having presided over cases in which he appeared as counsel. Therefore, my personal contacts with him have been many.

'In Highest Esteem'

"I always held him in the highest esteem, both from the point of view of gentility and from the point of view of his ability as a lawyer.

"He indeed was outstanding in the profession. This court showed its respect to him—its very high respect —last Spring when judges, lawyers, and friends assembled to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his admission to the bar.

"We made available for this purpose the beautiful ceremonial courtroom of this courthouse. I believe that was the first event held here in behalf of any lawyer. It fell to the lot of Mr. Houston to have the first honor done an individual lawyer in that beautiful new courtroom.

'Fine Citizen, Fine Person'

"On that occasion he spoke

eloquently and feelingly and so did the others who spoke in his honor.

"We have lost a fine citizen and a fine person. The court does grant your motion, Mr. Blackwell, that as of the time of adjournment today the minutes of the court will show the adjournment is taken in honor of Mr. Houston."

Blackwell Statement

Mr. Blackwell, in his statement said:

"I join other members of the bar in this jurisdiction in mourning the passing of Mr. Houston whom we affectionately called 'Judge.'

"I feel deeply grieved, inasmuch as I had been in close contact with him during my entire legal career. Mr. Houston was my teacher when I entered Howard University Law school.

"It was a great pleasure to participate in the ceremonies for him last December. I feel happy we were able to pay this tribute to this eminent member of the bar on his 60th anniversary.

"The legal profession, as well as the public, has lost a very faithful servant."

## Bury Veteran Court Messenger

WASHINGTON, — (INS) — Six Supreme court justices including Chief Justice Earl Warren attended the funeral last week of Harry N. Parker, 74-year-old court messenger who died last Monday.

Parker served the Supreme Court for 39 years. The funeral was held at St. Augustine's Catholic church.

Those attending in addition to Warren were Justices Robert H. Jackson, Tom C. Clark, Felix Frankfurter, Harold H. Burton and Sherman Minton.



# Scholarly Prelate Died Tuesday In Jacksonville, Florida

**Distinguished AME Leader Was 75, A Native of Kansas and Was Elevated To Bishopric at Louisville in 1924; Was Chosen in 1926 First Colored President of Howard University, But Did Not Accept**

There was mourning throughout the jurisdiction of the African Methodist Episcopal Church this week because, within the brief period of less than two weeks, death had called from labor to reward another one of the distinguished prelates of the Church.

Bishop John Andrew Gregg, 75, following an illness that had confined him for more than a month in a hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. died in that city on Tuesday of this week.

It was only on Saturday, Feb. 7, that Bishop Monroe H. Davis died at his home in Baltimore, Md.

The Rev. S. S. Morris, AME General Secretary of Christian Education, with headquarters here, and a close associate of all of the AME bishops, stated that the funeral services for Bishop Gregg will be held Saturday at the Mt. Zion AME Church. Rev. H. McNeal Harris, pastor, in Jacksonville.

A powerful preacher, Bishop Gregg was one of the most scholarly and highly respected of the nation's religious leaders. Dr. Morris gave the eulogy of the high points in the biography of the noted churchman. Among them were the following:

John Andrew Gregg was born February 18, 1877 in Eureka, Kan. He received his early education there, attended the University of Kansas at Lawrence and was graduated in 1902, with the Bachelor of Arts degree. Because of his scholarship and services, he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Wilberforce University in 1915 and the next year Morris Brown College in Atlanta conferred upon him the Doctor of Laws degree.

He pastored in his home town of Eureka, went to South Africa where he was a missionary from 1913 to 1920. From 1920 to 1924 he served eminently as president of Wilberforce University. In 1924 he was elected to the bishopric at the General Conference held in Louisville.

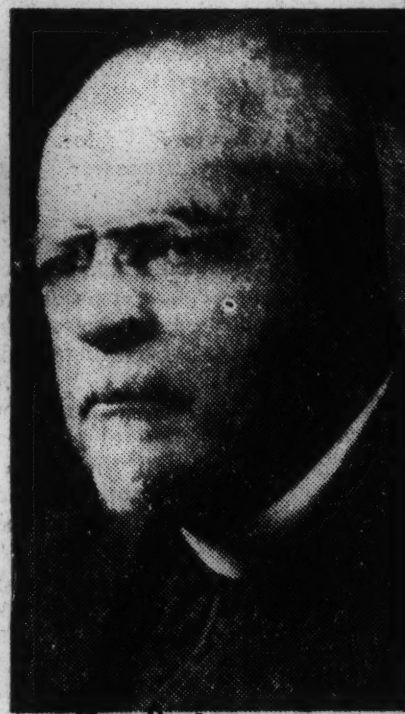
His first assignment as a bishop was to South Africa and while at that post he achieved the distinction of being the first colored person to be elected president of famed Howard University, in Washington, D. C. However Bishop Gregg, presumably because he preferred to continue in his role as a religious leader, turned down the Howard presidency.

That was in 1926. Shortly thereafter, the Rev. Mordecai Johnson, who was a Baptist pastor in Charleston, West Va., was chosen, and accepted the presidency of Howard.

In 1930, Bishop Gregg delivered the keynote address before the World Christian Endeavor Convention in Berlin Germany. It is said this address did not register well with the South Africa government authorities who heard it over the world-wide radio hookup. Bishop Gregg, it is remembered by Dr. Morris, was vigorous in his protest against racial proscriptions the

white minority, in charge of the South African government, was practicing, then as now, against colored Africans who constitute an overwhelming majority of the population. At the 1940 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, Bishop Gregg gave the prayer at one of the sessions. By appointment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bishop Gregg saw service in every war sector, visiting the soldiers and

## A Methodist Prelate Passes



The Rt. Rev. Bishop J. A. Gregg, D. D. of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who died down in Florida this week.

giving them religious messages under the auspices of the Fraternal Council of Churches, an organization of colored churchmen in the United States.

Before going to Florida, Bishop Gregg served eight years as the presiding bishop of the 4th Episcopal District, with headquarters in Chicago. Going to Florida in 1948, he established his home at Jacksonville. He had lived there before, having served from 1913 to 1920 as president of Edward Waters College, an AME school.

Dr. Morris states that the bishop had been ill for more than a year prior to his death. He was present, however at last year's session of the General Conference, held in Chicago.

Twice married, both of Bishop Gregg's wives have preceded him in death.

He loved association with his fellowmen, as attested by the fact he was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi boules 2nd degree Mason, member of the Knights of Pythias and Elk lodges. He had served with high distinction as president of the Bishop's Council.

He is survived by a niece, Miss Naomi Cheriot, a school teacher, who is his closest living relative.

## Bishop Gregg Dies In Fla.

Bishop Anders Gregg, presiding bishop of the Eleventh Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church, died yesterday in Jacksonville, Fla. at 4 P. M., a few hours before he would have celebrated his 76th birthday.

The bishop, who died at Brewster Hospital in Jacksonville after several weeks of failing health, was born in Eureka, Kansas, February 18, 1877.

Death was attributed to a stroke. He reportedly failed to rally from a coma he had been in since last Friday.

Bishop Gregg became popular during World War II when he travelled over 57,000 miles on appointment by President Roosevelt, visiting every war front except Alaska.

He has also had the distinction of serving as president of several colleges. He served as president of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville from 1913 to 1920. He was president of Wilberforce University from 1920 to 1924, and in 1926 was the first Negro to be elected president of Howard University, but turned the offer down.

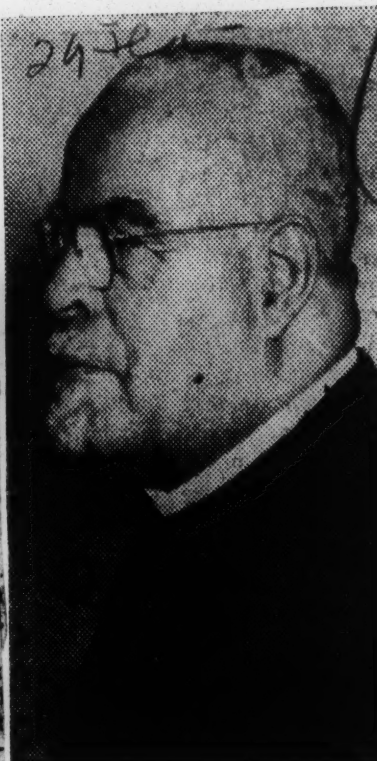
Bishop Gregg served as Presiding Bishop of the Cape District of South Africa, 1924 to 1928, during which time he built the Bethlehem A. M. E. Church which now stands in Cape Town.

He received the early part of his education in Eureka, and later obtained his A. B. degree from the University of Kansas in 1902. He got his D. D. from Wilberforce in 1915, where he also received his M. A. in 1917. Morris Brown College bestowed upon him the honorary L.L.D. degree.

Among his affiliations are memberships in the Elks and Masons.

The funeral will be held Saturday at Mount Olive A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville at 11 A. M. according to Bishop S. L. Greene, president of the Council of Bishops.

Bishop Gregg had served nearly eight years as Bishop of the Eleventh District when he died.



Bishop John A. Gregg  
**BISHOP J. A. GREGG OF FLORIDA, WAS 75**

Head of African Methodist Episcopal Church District and Noted Educator Dies

SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES  
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 18

Bishop John A. Gregg, African Methodist Episcopal Church workman and leader for fifty years, died yesterday after a brief illness. He was born in Eureka, Kan., in 1877. Bishop Gregg was elected a Bishop in 1924 and served terms in Kentucky, Virginia and on the Bishops' Council of his church.

Highly regarded as an educator, he had served as president of Wilberforce University in Tennessee and of Edward Waters College here. He was chairman of the board of the latter school at his death and was beginning his second term as Presiding Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

A volunteer for service in the Spanish-American War, he entered Kansas City University on his return and was graduated in 1903. Later he qualified as a missionary and was assigned to Cape Colony, Africa, for three years.

His wife died a few years ago and his only survivors are a daughter and a niece. The Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, it is understood here, will meet next week in New Orleans to name a new Bishop of Florida.

His leadership and ability received national recognition in June, 1943 when he was sent on a goodwill tour of the war zones through Europe by the late President Roosevelt. In recognition of his leadership and ability received national recognition in June, 1943 when he was sent on a goodwill tour of the war zones through Europe by the late President Roosevelt. In recognition of his leadership and ability received national recognition in June, 1943 when he was sent on a goodwill tour of the war zones through Europe by the late President Roosevelt.

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# EDITORIAL

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## A Great Soul Departs

It has been said that "old soldiers never die they just fade away." Bishop John Andrew Gregg, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, just faded away, Tuesday afternoon, in Jacksonville, Florida, and his blessed memory will never die. He was a Christian gentleman of the first magnitude, loved and revered by everyone, a shining example as a bishop and leader of mankind. *Christianity* *P. 4 29 Fla*

He was born in Eureka, Kansas, February 18, 1877; was licensed to preach in 1898 and admitted to the Kansas Conference in 1902; ordained a deacon by Bishop C. T. Shaffer and an elder by Bishop Abram Grant. Graduated from University of Kansas 1902 and was called as a missionary to South Africa in 1903 where he did a magnificent work. Returning to America he was called to the Presidency of Edward Waters College where he served from 1913 to 1920; he was next elected President of Wilberforce University in 1920 and served until elected and consecrated a Bishop in Louisville, Kentucky in 1924. He returned with his wife to South Africa as a bishop and supervised the building of Bethel Church in Cape Town. *Thurs 2-26-53*

Bishop Gregg was the first Negro elected to the presidency of Howard University, but he refused to accept it. He wrote several books, the last one "Of Men and Arms" of which the editor has an autographed copy. He also wrote the Wilberforce Hymn and was appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to visit the war fronts as a messenger of "goodwill and cheer" to our boys in the global war. *Phineas* *P. 4* Following which he was called to Washington D. C., to receive a medal of honor and merit.

He served as both secretary and president of the Council of Bishops. Was married twice, both wives preceding him in death. He was a member of the First AME Church in Kansas City, Kansas, where he always paid his dues and was a consistent supporter of who ever was his pastor. "Deo gratias" he lived.



# Mike Jacobs Dies In Miami Beach Hospital

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(INS)—Mike Jacobs, who came up slugging from the sidewalks of New York to become boxing's greatest promoter, died Saturday in Mt. Sinai Hospital at Miami Beach at the age of 72.

Death was caused by the heart ailment which sidelined him six years ago and wrote him off as an internationally-known promoter to his promotional efforts—the famed Twentieth Century Sporting Club. At his bedside when the end came at 6:25 a. m. EST was his wife, Mrs. Josie Jacobs. Jacobs entered the hospital Friday night.

## SURPASSED RICKARD

The one-time "newsboy" who brought about boxing successes such as no other promoter enjoyed—not even his former colleague Tex Rickard—used Madison Square Garden as the hub for an empire whose and the big New York ball parks championship fights produced millions of dollars at the gate.

No one probably can compute the amount of money that went through "Uncle Mike's" hands during more than a quarter of a century of big-time operating. He had "pieces" of many enterprises.

But for boxing alone, in the year, 1946, Jacobs handled more than four million dollars.

The man who died in Miami Beach had a "beach" named after him, too—"Jacobs Beach," the night game's nickname for 40th Street outside the Madison Square Garden, where boxing men used to stand against the building, pale faces thrust skywards, sunning themselves.

Jacobs, whose quick temper and tough methods of doing business were balanced by the scrupulous integrity of his spoken word, grew up in an Irish neighborhood of lower Manhattan, hawking tickets for everything from steamboat rides to the Metropolitan Opera.

## HIT JACKPOT WITH JOE LOUIS

He learned the fight game as a Rickard associate in the "Golden Age of Sport"—the Jack Dempsey era of the 1920's—and went on to build the empire which hit the jackpot when Jacobs acquired rights to the services of Joe Louis, then an up-and-coming heavyweight.

Mike's crest for a single promotion was reached in June, 1946, when he charged a record \$100 for a ringside seat to the Louis-Billy Conn title rematch. Receipts for the fight, an artistic flop, hit about two million dollars. The gate was second only to receipts for the second Dempsey-Tunney bout, which Rickard promoted with Jacobs as his righthand man.

Jacobs had been in declining health since December, 1946, when a cerebral hemorrhage, followed within a few days by a heart attack, left doubts he would survive the new year.

He is survived by his widow, his adopted children Joseph and Joan, a brother and four sisters.

## WIDOW OF LATE ABOLITIONIST, DR. MASON, DIES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—(SNS)—The widow of famed Negro abolitionist, Dr. M. C. B. Mason, died here yesterday at the home of a daughter and son-in-law.

She is Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, of Chicago, who was visiting Dr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, her relatives, at the time of her death.

Mrs. Mason, widow of Dr. M. C. B. Mason worked as promoter of the former Freedman Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church which sought to abolish slavery, succumbed to an illness not described in a report of her passing.

Dr. W. A. Mason, of the Georgia Public Health Department, a nephew of the deceased Chicagoan, had been summoned from his Atlanta headquarters to his aunt's bedside at the time of her death.

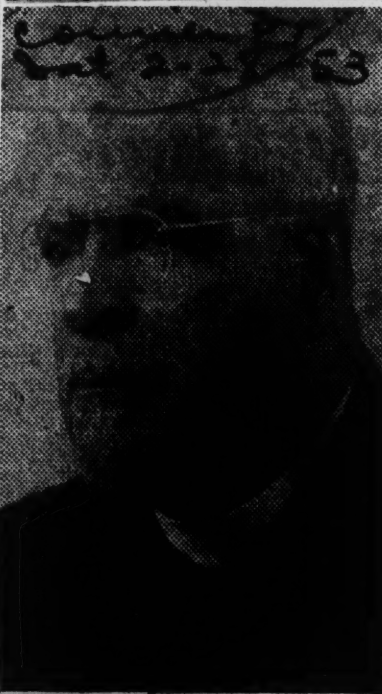
The widow of the great abolitionist is survived by three daughters and one son.

## Florida Rites Impressive

# Bishop Gregg, 76, Will Be Buried In Kansas City, Kan.

By JOHN A. DIAZ  
(Courier Florida Bureau)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The body of the late Right Rev. John A. Gregg, Bishop of the Eleventh Episcopal (Florida) District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is en route to Kansas City, Kan., following impressive funeral services here Saturday with Bishops of the church in attendance.



BISHOP JOHN A. GREGG

... impressive rites held

A second funeral service is scheduled to be held Feb. 23 in Kansas City, Kan., and burial to take place in Lawrence, Kan., in the family plot near the birthplace of the distinguished and highly respected prelate.

BISHOP GREGG died last week in Brewster Hospital here after a long illness. He was 76 years of age.

Eulogy was delivered by Bishop W. Baber of Detroit, Mich., at the funeral services held at Mount Zion AME

Church which was jammed pack with mourners.

Presiding at the services was Bishop Sherman L. Greene. Other Bishops of the church participating in the ceremonies were Bishops W. A. Fountain, H. T. Primm, I. H. Bonner, R. R. Wright, F. M. Reid, John H. Claybourne, C. A. Gibbs, L. H. Hemmingway, E. C. Hatcher, F. D. Jordan, W. R. Wilkes, D. Ward Nichols and Joseph Gomez.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of Gater and Baker, funeral directors.

THE BISHOP had a long and illustrious career in the ministry, in education and in public life. Before being elected to the bishopric in 1924, he had served as president of Edward Waters College and of Wilberforce University.

Bishop Gregg was born in Eureka, Kan., on Feb. 18, 1877, and was educated in the schools there and was graduated from the University of Kansas. He was ordained to the ministry of the AME Church in 1903 and served shortly thereafter in pastorates in that section and later served as a missionary teacher in Cape Town, South Africa. He had pastored from 1903 to 1908 at churches in Leavenworth, Kan., and St. Joseph, Mo.

In 1908 Bishop Gregg became president of Edward Waters College here and remained here until 1913, leaving then to accept the presidency of Wil-

berforce. He was elevated to the bishopric from his Wilberforce post in 1924 and served immediately in South Africa.

Bishop Gregg in 1948 was assigned Florida and served there until his death. In 1926, Bishop Gregg was offered the presidency of Howard University, but declined to remain a Bishop. Among his many signal honors was the invitation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to make a visit and goodwill tour of all the war fronts during World War II. He accepted and went on the mission representing the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches. This was the period, 1943-44. In 1947, the Bishop received an award of merit by Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall, and received a similar distinguished service award by many other colleges and groups.

THE BISHOP was a vice president and member of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Pi Phi Greek letter fraternities.

He was a Mason of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, a Knight of Pythian and was an Elk. He was the author of "Christian Brotherhood" and "Superlative Righteousness," and was president of the Council of Bishops until last May when Bishop S. L. Greene of Georgia was made president.

He resided in Jacksonville on Grunthal Street, but listed Kansas City as his home residence. He lived here because on the basis of his post as Bishop of Florida, he was the chancellor of Edward Waters College and chairman of the trustees board.

His wife, Melberta, died in 1950. Surviving are Naomi Cherot, a foster daughter, and a niece, Ruth Gregg, director of music at Edward Waters College.



# Bishop Gregg Interment In Kansas; 2nd Funeral

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (ANP) — Final rites for the late Bishop John A. Gregg will be held in his native Lawrence, Kan. where his body will be buried in the family lot with his mother, his father, and his first and second wives.

A second funeral service will be held in Kansas City, Kansas where the bishop resided for many years. This service and the burial in Lawrence will take place Saturday, February 28 at First AME Church. Members of the Bishops Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will mourn at these ceremonies.

The first funeral service for the deceased prelate was scheduled for Saturday, February 21 at Mount Zion AME Church here in Jacksonville. Bishop George W. Baber of the Fourth Episcopal district officiated at these rites. He has been supervising the 11th district while Bishop Gregg was ill. Other AME bishops were unable to attend the February 21 services because of their work at a meeting of the Bishops Council in New Orleans.

Bishop Gregg, considered one of the world's most distinguished clergymen, died Tuesday afternoon, February 17, the day before his 76th birthday, in Brewster hospital. He had been hospitalized for five weeks following a serious heart attack in Key West during a church meeting.

At the time of his death Bishop Gregg was senior active bishop of the AME Church. With the church he had a long and honorable career as a religious leader and as an educator.

Ordained as a minister in Emporia, Kansas in 1903, he was elevated to the bishopric in 1924.

As an educator he served as president of Edward Waters College 1913-20 and as president of Wilberforce University, 1920-24. He also served as president of the board of trustees of Payne Theological Seminary.

Probably his most famed achievement of his lifetime was his visit to various war fronts in 1943 during World War II. Appointed to this job to build morale in American armed forces by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bishop Gregg through this tour did much to improve interracial relations. He was considered to be one of the most popular church men among America's G.I.s during the war.

His work in this field probably stemmed from his background as a volunteer for service in the Spanish American War with the 3rd Kansas Volunteers. He rose

to the rank of second lieutenant with this unit.

As a result of his world tour of war fronts, Bishop Gregg was presented the Award of Merit from the secretary of the army in 1947. He represented the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America.

Bishop Gregg also was active in numerous other international activities. He served as a missionary to the Union of South Africa, 1903-06 and as bishop of the 17th district of the AME Church in South Africa, 1924-28.

In 1930, he delivered the keynote address to the Eighth World Christian Endeavor meeting in Berlin, Germany. He also has worked with the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

A graduate of the University of Kansas in 1903, Bishop Gregg was cited as an outstanding alumnus of this school in 1934.

For the AME Church, Bishop Gregg was to begin his second term as president of the Bishops Council, the highest body in the church. He had served as prelate of the 11th district since 1948. Before coming to Florida, he was presiding bishop of the 5th district, 1928-36, and of the 4th district, 1936-48.

Bishop Gregg was a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Sigma Pi Phi, and Alpha Phi Alpha. He also was an excellent writer of tracts, his most noted being, "Christian Brotherhood," "Superlative Righteousness" and "Of Men and of Arms."

He was married twice during his lifetime, but both of his wives died. His first wife was the former Celia A. Nelson, whom he married in 1900, and his second was the former Melberta McFarland, whom he married in 1948.

At one time Bishop Gregg was offered a job as president of Howard University, but he turned it down. This was during the time he was president at Wilberforce.

He is survived only by Miss Naomi Cherot, his adopted daughter who teaches in Jacksonville, and two nieces and a nephew. He also is survived by a host of cousins.

## Bishop John A. Gregg Of A.M.E. Church Dies

Jacksonville, Feb. 18 (AP) — Bishop John A. Gregg, 75, one of the foremost Negroes in America, died here last night after a

month's illness. He was senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, presiding bishop of the 11th Episcopal district of Florida, and as a special envoy of President Roosevelt traveled some 10,000 miles to various military installations during World War II.



# Grim Reaper No Respector Of Persons

## As Death Struck High And Low In 1952

J. Finley Wilson, Canada Lee, C. C. Spaulding, Abe Manley, Bob Church Among Those Who Died

Death removed prominent personages in all fields of endeavor during the past year leaving them sorely missed by the nation at large. There were some who died also who will not be mourned for long.

In the fraternal world the most heartfelt death was that of J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler for 30 years who died at the age of 72 in Washington. The business world lost such leaders as C. C. Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co., and Samuel Rutherford, founder and secretary-general manager of the National Benefit Life Insurance Co. in Washington.

In the field of justice there was the death of Judge James Watson in New York and in medicine and race relations, Dr. Louis T. Wright, Harlem Hospital surgeon and chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors.

The field of music and the theater felt the loss of actor Canada Lee and composer and arranger Fletcher Henderson.

In sports, Bishop Paul A. Wallace, of the AME Zion Church died and politics lost two stalwarts in the deaths of Robert (Bob) Church in Tennessee and Marse Calloway in Baltimore, both Republican leaders.

"Mother Of The Year" Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement, the 1948 "American Mother of the Year" also died in December and in the field of international relations there was the shocking death of Dr. William Dean, chief of the UN Department of Economic Affairs.

The sports world mourned the death of Abe Manley, owner of the Newark Eagles baseball club and former official in the now defunct Negro National League.

Countless other notable figures went to their just reward, some succumbing to natural causes and others by more tragic means.

The following is a list by months of the more prominent deaths in 1952:

**JANUARY**  
BALTIMORE — Mrs. Eunice G. Young, 36, fashionist; William H. Procter, 66, high school principal drops dead; Mrs. Susie Frazier, 105, one of city's oldest citizens; Mrs. Pearl V. Saunders Goldsborough, 72, churchwoman.

WASHINGTON — Samuel W. Rutherford, 87, founder and secretary-general manager, National Benefit Life Insurance Co.; Rev. Adoltz H. Pagon, 58, pastor Trinity AMEZ Church; Rev. James L. White, 64, pastor Gailbraith AME Church; William Stevenson, 75, former executive secretary, YMCA; Rev. Thomas S. Tildon, 75, pastor, Asbury Methodist Church.

NEW YORK — Dr. William Dean, chief, UN Dept. of Economic Affairs and son-in-law of Dr. Channing Tobias, found dead in latter's apartment apparently a suicide; Mrs. Elizabeth Adams Wright, 41, white heiress wife of artist George White, a suicide.

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Anthony Randolph Mayo, 80, real estate dealer.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Smith Harvey, 40-year-old World War II veteran, in electric chair for 1951 fatal shooting of three white men.

DETROIT — Bishop Wallace P. Robinson, 46, founder, Alpha and Omega Spiritualist Church.

NEWARK — Melvin Johnson, North New Jersey newspaperman and state employee.

CAMP POLK, Va. — Six civilian workers, trapped in school bus, burned to death.

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Mrs. Pattie Hairston, 104, leaves 190 descendants.

SANFORD, Fla. — Mrs. Harriet Moore, 49, wife of assassinated NAACP executive Harry T. Moore, second victim of 1951 Christmas bombing.

DURHAM, N.C. — Julian S. Johnson, 56, assistant treasurer, I.C. Mutual Life Insurance Co.

LANCASTER, Va. — Robert Chewning, 38, mail carrier, American Legion official.

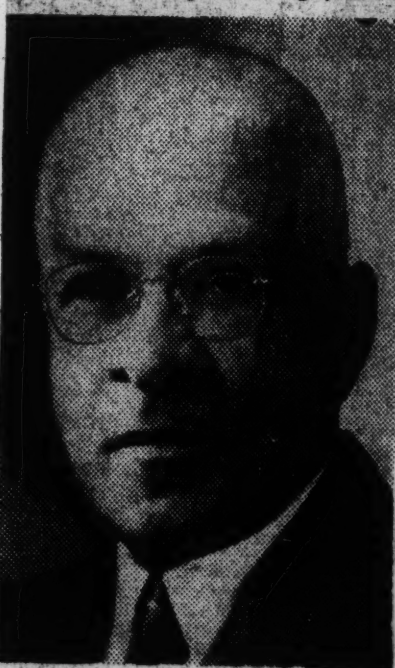
PORTLAND, Oregon — Seventy-five-year-old St. Louis woman who claimed to have inspired song, "Frankie and Johnny," in state mental institution.

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Mrs. Willie Givens, mother of Dr. John T. Givens of Norfolk, Va.

**FEBRUARY**  
WASHINGTON — Rev. John S. Miller, 65, ousted pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church, from self-inflicted

wound; J. Finley Wilson, 72, Grand Exalted Elks Ruler for 30 years; Jeanette E. King, 19-year-old Howard student found beaten to death.

NEW YORK — Clarence Sims, 25-year-old veteran, in leap from George Washington Bridge; Bishop



C. C. SPAULDING

op Paris A. Wallace, 82, retired AMEZ Bishop.

RICHMOND — R. A. Turpin Sr., 82, pioneer resident West End section and member of one of city's oldest families.

ATLANTA — Mrs. Clandin White Harrell, former Spellman College teacher.

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — Dr. John C. Love, 76, retired minister; pastor Union Baptist Church for 47 years.

NEWARK, N.J. — Mrs. John H. Dillingham, 49, wife of local pastor and nationally known Presbyterian youth leader and poet.

MOUNT HOLLEY, N.J. — Rev. J. E. A. Johns, 82, one of oldest living members of Delaware Methodist Conference.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Mrs. Ethel Lightner Young, 61, widowed mother of 10 children and AFRO's Ideal mother of the Year in 1948.

**MARCH**  
TRENTON, N.J. — Rev. John A. White, 82, pastor - emeritus, Shiloh Baptist Church, from burns suffered when fire destroyed his home.

RICHMOND — Mrs. Wilson Forrester, wife of Dr. William M. T. Forrester, in Boston.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wright, blown to death in booby-trapped truck.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — 249 in freak tornado which sweeps six states.

NEWARK — Rev. William P. Burrel, 87, 1903 candidate for alderman in Richmond, Va., Baptist minister.

FARMVILLE, Va. — Dr. Luther Archa beau, 49, eye, nose and throat specialist, kills self with shotgun in second suicide attempt.

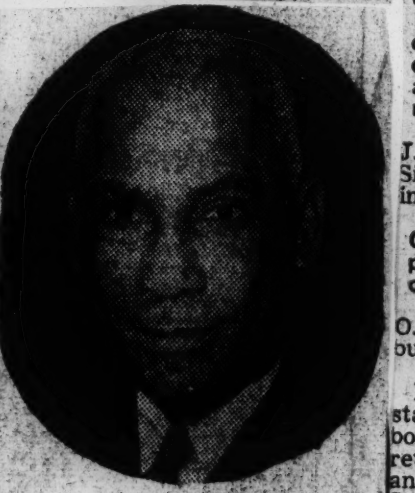
BLOOMFIELD, N.J. — Rev. Joshua Lawrence, 68, former president, Bloomfield Council on Race Relations and director, Red Cross chapter.

BALTIMORE — Leonard Muller, 52, former superintendent science and geography in public school system.

PLAINFIELD, N.J. — Rev. Leslie Allen Taylor, 51, Presbyterian minister and adviser to Board of Missions.

WILMINGTON, Del. — Mrs. Blanche Stubbs, 80, wife of late Dr. J. B. Stubbs and mother of Dr. Frederick D. Stubbs of Philadelphia.

DANVILLE, Va. — Elwin T. (Scoop) Oliver, 38, member of wealthy Virginia family, shoots



JUDGE WATSON

self through temple less than week after death of mother.

WASHINGTON — Margery Bland, 23-year-old Howard senior of natural causes; four Howard university employees in Chemistry Building explosion; Eugene Gough, 65, chief custodian; Clinton Irvine, 32, janitor; Alphonso M. Smith, 47, laborer, and James Clington, 54, janitor.

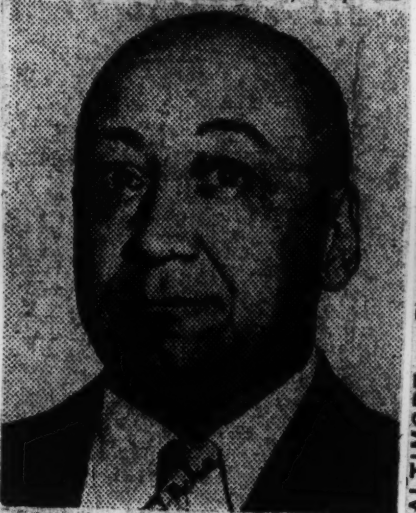
CELEVELAND, Ohio — Bishop Riley F. Williams, 54, pastor, Williams Temple of God in Christ Church of God in Christ in Birmingham, Ala.

ORANGE, N.J. — Dr. Spurgeon Sparks Sr., 77, retired physician.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mrs. Holmes, 45, civic worker and Georgia A. Boyd, wife of Rev. school principal.

Henry Allen Boyd, Baptist churchman.

**APRIL**  
WILMINGTON, Del. — Body of Rev. Howard Coleman, 62, dis-



DR. LOUIS WRIGHT

trict superintendent, Wilmington District Methodist Church, recovered from Delaware River after 2-week search for missing minister.

BALTIMORE — Phillip A. Brown, Republican 19th Ward leader and 1950 candidate for House of Delegates.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Charles Johnson, 18, and wife, Mrs. Sarah Watts Johnson, 17, of Newark, both in auto crash on Mrs. Johnson's birthday and after only 3 months of marriage.

WASHINGTON — Pvt. Joseph J. Davis, member of Rosebud Singers, in Geneva, N.Y. after being in Army only 5 weeks.

MEMPHIS — Robert (Bob) Church, pioneer Tennessee Republican leader; stormy political career lasted 25 years.

PHILADELPHIA — Mrs. Mary O. Price, 77, churchwoman burned to death.

**MAY**  
NEW YORK — Canada Lee, 45 stage and screen actor, former boxer; Judge James Watson, 69 retired Municipal Court justice and president of Municipal Civil Service Commission.

PHILADELPHIA — Mrs. Ida B. Moore, former teacher and one of founders of Southwest Belmont YWCA; Joseph Mander Sr., 39, father of three as a hero trying to save 7-year-old white boy who fell in Schuylkill River.

BALTIMORE — Marse Calloway, "Mr. Republican" of Maryland, effected many gains for state's colored population; Dr. Julius White, 48, physician and former teacher.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mrs. Nell McKenzie Sanders, first colored nurse hired by city health department.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Merle Bibbs, 38, in plunge from 130-foot grain elevator.

RICHMOND — Mrs. Sara F. Holmes, 45, civic worker and

BALTIMORE — Dr. S. Bernard Hughes, 73, one of city's earliest physicians, members of one of Maryland's oldest families; Mable Brown, 32, 610-pound woman. WASHINGTON — Mrs. Mary T. Latimore, former principal of local schools. LOS ANGELES — J. T. Sipson, newspaper columnist; Dr. Alva C. Garrett, 85, dentist; Frederick M. Roberts, 72, newspaper publisher, mortician and ex-State Ass. Semblman; Titus Alexander, 82, retired field agent for Southern California Gas Co. NEWARK — Jack Jones, 47, bank employee, an apparent suicide.

CHICAGO — Major Homer B. Roberts, 67, advertising executive, chief of Associated Publishers, Chicago office. GREENSBORO, N.C. — Alexander Corbett Jr., director of Veterans' education at A. and T. College. CHICAGO — Wendell C. Ginn, 66, newspaperman, editor, publisher, musician, "Dean of colored newspapermen." ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. — Mrs. Vashli B. Williams, 30, school teacher, in leap into Pasquotank River.

VICKSBURG, Miss. — Dr. F. E. Pinson, physician, from injuries received in 3-way auto collision. ATLANTIC CITY — Robert Lee (Tables) Davis, 38, novelty dancer, in auto accident; Harold Schepfer, 60, "King" of numbers racket, BALTIMORE — Dr. D. Grant Scott, 84, former president of

ATLANTIC CITY — Ensign Albert Floyd, one of two remaining colored Navy pilots, when plane breaks apart. ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kimbrough, 69, year-old grand treasurer of Daughters Elks.

WASHINGTON — John L. Young, 49, assistant superintendent of District Recreation department; Mrs. Josephine Kennedy, retired employee of Recorder of Deeds office; William E. Smith, 47, one-time Howard athlete and government worker.

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CAMDEN, N.J. — Ruth Brown, 30, youngest member of one of city's oldest families, from injuries received in auto accident.

EAST ORANGE, N.J. — Henry (KO) Johnson Sr., 59, former boxer.

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Rev. George C. Randall, 72, World War I chaplain and retired Congregational minister.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Henry Houston, 75, founder and publisher of Charlotte Post.

PULASKI, Va. — Dr. Percy B. Corbin, physician and NAACP member.

#### AUGUST

DURHAM, N.C. — C. C. Spaulding, 78, president of N.C. Mutual Life Insurance, on his birthday.

BALTIMORE — William C. Harcum, 66, retired engineer; Dr. John T. Colbert, 73, pastor Grace Presbyterian Church for 35 years.

CHICAGO — Theodore Roe, 53, last of Chicago's colored policy barons, shot in gangland style.

WASHINGTON — M/Sgt. Howard (Big Boy) Williams, Army heavyweight champion for three years, from Korean wounds.

PARKESBURG, Pa. — Mrs. Clara Speed Queen, wife of Col. Howard D. Queen, only combat regiment commander in World War II.

PHILADELPHIA — John Smith, 35, refused admittance to hospital, leaps from sixth floor stairwell at



MARSE CALLAWAY

City Hall.

SOUTHERN PINES, N.C. — Dr. W. H. Ross, 44, less than 18 minutes after he began serving 3-5 year prison sentence for an illegal operation.

TULSA, Okla. — Horace S. Hughes, Texas College faculty member, ex-newspaper editor, by Santa Fe train as he walked on tracks three hours after release from hospital.

RICHMOND — Albert Jackson Jr., 24, electrocuted for criminal attack of 40-year-old white woman in Charlottesville.

#### SEPTEMBER

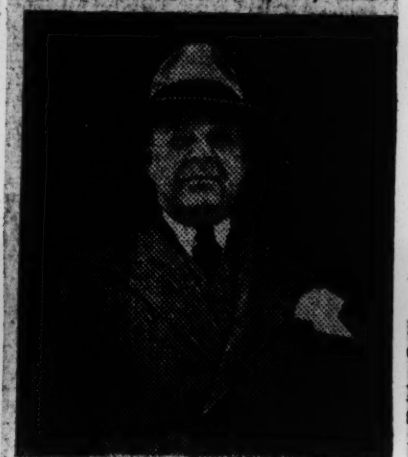
JACKSON, Mich. — Heywood Jackson, 39, Scottsboro Boy, in Michigan Penitentiary where he was serving 15-year term for manslaughter.

PHILADELPHIA — Jerome Poindexter, 43, South Philly undertaker whose body was found weak after he drowned on fishing trip.

CAPE CHARLES, Va. — W. H. Fabb, district superintendent, Richmond Ben Insurance Co.

WASHINGTON — Miss Gladys Rotan, Howard U music instructor.

KANSAS CITY, Kansas — Na- than W. Thatcher Sr., 68, mort-



ROBERT CHURCH

lian and father of Chicago dermatologist, Dr. Harold Thatcher.

NEW YORK — G. Victor Cools, 30, magazine editor and political economist.

BALTIMORE — Ulysses (Slick) Glover, 41, World War II hero and psychiatric social worker.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Robert N. Boggs, political and civic worker.

RICHMOND — Charles T. Russell, architect, superintendent of buildings and grounds at Va. Union.

MILWAUKEE — Bernie O. Young, 53, orchestra leader and trumpeter.

#### OCTOBER

NEW YORK — Dr. Louis T. Wright, 61, director of surgery at Harlem Hospital, chairman, NAACP Board of Directors; Mrs. Altha H. Alexander, 62, former welfare department supervisor, from traffic accident injuries.

CHICAGO — Milton Smith, 38, associate magazine editor and former AFRO writer under name of Michael Carter; Charles E. Hall, 64, Bureau of Census statistical specialist.

BALTIMORE — Randy Waters, 51, catering company executive; Charles Gill, 18-year-old tackle for Dunbar High School, collapses on bench at football game.

RICHMOND — Alonzo E. Ellus, 53, legless head of bookkeeping dept. at Southern Aid Society.

ATLANTA — Lucius Jones, 42, N.C. correspondent for the AFRO and veteran newspaperman.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. — Hattie McDaniel, 54, radio, television and movie actress of "Beulah" fame and Academy Award winner.

NORFOLK, Va. — William A. (Chuck) Weaver, high school principal.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Mrs. Parthenia Rollins, 107, one-time personal cook and helper for Mme. C. J. Walker.

#### NOVEMBER

LONDON — John Payne, 80, one of first American baritones to settle permanently in England.

RICHMOND — John H. (Jake) Lambert, 56, sportsman.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Avery Edwards, AFRO distributing agent.

BALTIMORE — Mrs. Eliza Campbell, 67, last of city's oldest twins, six years after death of sister B.K. Bruce, 92, school principal and tutor for youths entering West Point and Annapolis.

WASHINGTON — A. Washington (Puss) Owens, 42; Savannah Donte, 68, New Faces Guild performer and government worker; Dr. Amelia Frances Foye, 82, Howard graduate and pioneer woman physician.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dr. Henry D. Richardson, instructor in clinical medicine at Meharry; Miss Elia J. Vernon, assistant bursar at Tenn. A. and I. College.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Dr. Roscoe David Case, former head of Knoxville College.

LOS ANGELES — Charles W. McDonald, veteran pilot, wife, and children in plane crash.

NEW BERN, N.C. — Dr. J. A. Daves, member state oral hygiene department.

#### DECEMBER

NORFOLK, Va. — Mrs. Florence B. Reid, pioneer educator.

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — Dr. Miller W. Boyd, 55, president, Morristown Normal and Industrial College.

BALTIMORE — Mrs. Eva Brown, 79, two days after she was pronounced dead.

NEW YORK — Fletcher Henderson, bandleader, arranger, composer.

PHILADELPHIA — Abe Manley, 67, former owner, Newark Eagles baseball club and official in now defunct Negro National League.

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Roberta Childs Hastie, 85, mother of Federal Judge William H. Hastie.

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — Dr. Harry M. Lackey, resident physician, Central State College.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Joseph E. Mitchell, 76, veteran publisher of St. Louis Argus.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Moses McKissack Sr., pioneer architect and senior member of construction firm.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement, 78, 1946 "American Mother of the Year."

GREENWOOD, Miss. — John L. and John Edward Flowers, 4-months-old Siamese twins.

CHICAGO — Richard E. Westbrook, 66, attorney and civic leader.

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Gurney E. Nelson, former dean at Benedict College in Columbia, S.C.

NEWARK — Collis English, 27, one of two members of famed "Trenton Six" serving life term, in prison.

#### Post Mortems

1952 marked the passing of such notables as J. Finley Wilson, Elks' Grand Exalted and Bob Church of Chicago and Memphis.

ardent Republican leader who never got so party-blind that he didn't put the welfare of the race above his own personal greed.

The grim reaper also claimed stage and screen star Canada Lee whose early death can be attributed to his own savings for racial advance. Loyals have started a

Canada Lee Foundation to work for the attainment of his own brotherhood goals in the area he knew—the acting field.

Chicago's prominent legal light Jim Cashin was another who crossed the bar in 1952. The bitterness and hatred perpetuated by the race baiting of Georgia's Congressman Eugene Cox will not stop with his passing at the close of 1952—even as he dissected the programs of educational foundations to see if they served as a shield for subversives all because they have worked for the educational advance of the financially-shortchanged.

But the hope of the South is that each succeeding generation has a little more of the venom of hatred siphoned off by changing times and so there's promise for a Cox successor.



## Dr. W. A. Fountain, Jr. Found Dead At Home On 37th Ave., N. Coroner Called For Inquest

Dr. W. A. Fountain, Jr. Secretary of Education for the African Methodist Episcopal Church was found dead in his apartment Wednesday evening, it was reported by Dr. E. A. Selby, secretary of the AME Sunday School Union, early Wednesday night.

Dr. Selby, who had not seen Dr. Fountain since the previous Thursday, reported that persons who looked after Dr. Fountain's apartment, located at 963 37th Avenue, North, stated that they had seen him on Wednesday during the day and he was apparently well.

Dr. Selby stated that the coroner would be called and therefore his verdict was awaited to determine the cause of Dr. Fountain's death.

Dr. Fountain is the son of Bishop W. A. Fountain of the AME Church who lives in Atlanta. Bishop Fountain, it was learned Wednesday night had been informed of his son's death and was leaving immediately for Nashville.

The well known AME leader had served a number of years as president of Morris Brown College in Atlanta, before coming to Nashville to head the educational department of his church. Dr. Selby stated that Dr. Fountain was approximately 50 years of age. He had his office with the AME Sunday School Union, located at 414 8th Avenue S.

Patton Brothers who had been called, after Dr. Fountain was found dead, stated that no announcement of funeral arrangements could be announced until later.

## PIONEER FIGHTER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS DIES; SERVICES MONDAY

Funeral services for J. D. Daniel, pioneer Atlanta citizen and retired employee of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, who died suddenly Thursday, will be held Monday at 2:30 p. m. at the residence, 364 Ashby Street, N. W., with Dr. William Holmes Borders officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. D. C. Morton.

A native of Stephens, Ga., Daniel was born on August 10, 1889 and moved to Atlanta in 1907. A machinist helper for the N. C. and St. L. Railway for more than 35 years, he received a citation of honor upon retirement.

**FOUGHT DISCRIMINATION**  
Daniel fought discrimination and holds the distinction of having won a favorable decision from the United States Supreme Court in a case involving exclusion from a residential area because of race and color.

Daniel and his wife composed the first colored family to move on

daughter, Mildred L. Daniel, now a teacher in the Atlanta Public School system.

## Ex-Booker T. Washington Aide Buried In Georgia

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Three Long Islanders returned last week from the funeral of their father, the late Rev. James H. Gadson, who was a Baptist preacher for 67 years and one of the first of his race to earn two college degrees, one at Morehouse College and the other at Virginia Union Theological seminary in the nineties.

Highest tribute was paid the 83-year-old leader the rites in Macon, Ga., for his church educational and civic contributions. Among those paying homage to his achievements were two bishops, the Rev. William Holmes Borders, who delivered the eulogy, and the Rev. L. A. Pinkston, and the Rev. M. D. Whatley of Thankful Baptist church of Rome, Ga.

Survivors attending the services included his widow, Mrs. Nannie Hardeman Gadson, and his children, James H. Gadson Jr., and Anna Ruth Gadson, both of Corona, L. I., and Mrs. Nan Gadson Robeson of Brooklyn. His first wife, Mrs. Della M. Richardson-Gadson, died in 1942.

The Rev. Gadson never left his beloved South, where he was born in Augusta and where he said there was much to be done. Even after his retirement and retardment with failing eyesight, he continued to teach Sunday school at First Baptist church of Macon, and to fill occasional preaching engagements.

One of the Rev. Gadson's first charges was Mt. Olive Baptist church in Tuskegee, Ala., where he also taught Old Testament Scripture and English under the late Booker T. Washington, who was one of his great admirers. Later he pastored Thankful Baptist church and was appointed president of Rome high school and Industrial institute.

Subsequently he was elected president of Central City college and served as field worker for the Baptists of the state and as first president of Bryant Theological seminary for young ministers.

He was affiliated with all of

his denominational associations and conventions locally and nationally. He also devoted much of his time to work for racial advancement and had been a member of the NAACP since its inception in Georgia.

## Mrs. Henry A. Hunt

In the death of Mrs. Florence Johnson Hunt, of Fort Valley, Georgia, the state and nation lose one of the foremost pioneering characters of this generation. Mrs. Hunt was the widow of the late Dr. H. A. Hunt, founder and late president of the Fort Valley State College of Fort Valley, Georgia. By his side through the struggling years of the institution, she was both a loving wife and a counselor. After her graduation from the Atlanta University, she engaged upon an educational career along with her husband. Side by side they worked to build a greater Fort Valley until the death of Dr. Hunt.

After his death she remained at the Fort Valley State College campus near her children until her death.

She was active in many civic and social organizations. Being one of the organizers and past president of the Georgia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, she worked tirelessly as one of the promoters of that organization until the failure of her health.

She will be mourned and missed in the various circles of her faithful activities.

"Their works do follow them."

## Death Claims

**Mrs. H. Hunt**  
Wife of the late Dr. H. A. Hunt, died Thursday morning, September 24, in Fort Valley, Ga.

Mrs. Florence Johnson Hunt, wife of the late Henry Alexander Hunt, died Thursday morning, September 24, in Fort Valley, Ga. Mrs. Hunt had been ill for an extended period of time and was residing with her son, H. A. Hunt, Jr., at the time of her death.

Mrs. Hunt's life, like that of her husband, was intricately interwoven with education and human development in Georgia and the nation. She joined her husband when he came to Fort Valley in 1904 to serve as the second principal of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School. They together worked and developed much of the plant and concept of education that is now Fort Valley College, a permanent monument to their labors together from 1904-1938.

Mrs. Hunt was active in civic and community affairs until illness curbed her active participation. She served as president of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in Georgia for ten years and solicited funds for the erection of the Home for Delinquent Girls located in Macon, Georgia.

Mrs. Hunt is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Hunt Wolfe of New York City, Mrs. Adele Hunt of Chicago, Ill., and H. A. Hunt, Jr., of Fort Valley, Ga.

The funeral service will be conducted at the Fort Valley College Center today, Sept. 23, at 2:00 p. M. Burial will be beside her husband on the Fort Valley State College campus.



## Cora B. Finley

In the passing of Cora B. Finley a few days ago at her home, the county, city and state lose one of those landmarks which inured on into the modern era with all its progressiveness and youthful harmony.

Here was a pioneer of yesterday, taking her place at first among the rising youth of her race and generation. Beginning life as a school teacher back in those early years when teachers almost taught for the teaching, she was early to make her mark in the field of education.

At an early age she graduated from Spelman, with her from this noble institution went the fine spirit of the Packards and Giles who made those grounds hallowed. Embracing that spirit and that faith, she was to go out and bid others come.

She was one of the organizers of the Parent-Teachers Association and was until her death, a devoted promoter of those vital interests so sacred to that order. For over 30 years she taught the youth of Atlanta and engaged in religious and civic activities.

In her rich and full life was much for the youth of this generation. Having in her teaching, shed her life into the lives of others, she walks gracefully down the halls of immortality.

## Educational, Civic Leader To Be Interred At 3 Today

Funeral services for Miss Cora B. Finley, beloved figure in educational and civic circles, will be held today, Wednesday, November 25, 3 o'clock, from the Ivey Brothers Chapel with the Rev. Samuel W. Williams officiating. Miss Finley succumbed Monday to an illness which had confined her to a local hospital for one week, although she had been in failing health for the past two years.

Her life, rich in service to countless thousands of persons, was fostered through her grasp of every opportunity to become better prepared in the effort of providing the best education, socially and culturally for Negro children. She graduated from Spelman Seminary High School in 1894, received the A. B. degree from Spelman College in 1931 and the M. A. degree from Atlanta University in 1933, becoming the first Spelman graduate to receive an advanced degree from Atlanta University.

Additional study was done at the University of Grenoble, France; Howard University, Columbia University, the University of Colorado, Morehouse College and Hampton Institute. She earned a diploma from the Merrill School of Expression and further broadened her experience through wide travel in the United States, Europe and Brazil.

### FIRST YONGE ST. PRINCIPAL

Following a tenure of service as assistant principal at the Old Summerhill School, Miss Finley became the first principal of Yonge Street Elementary School, a position she

held until retirement in 1944. Through her pioneer efforts, the 1st Negro Parent-Teachers Association in the United States was organized at this school and for this contribution she was honored by



MISS C. B. FINLEY

the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers in annual session at State Teachers College, Montgomery, Alabama in 1946. Among other notable achievements was her organization of the first night school in Atlanta.

Possessed with young ideas and a zeal for service, Miss Finley, fol-

lowing her retirement from the Atlanta School system, became head of the department of education, State Teachers College, Montgomery, Ala., a position she maintained until illness forced cessation of such duties in 1952.

We well-known and active alumna of Spelman, she was given recognition for her work in education and received a certificate of merit by the National Alumnae Association in June, 1945, and has been similarly honored by both the State Teachers Association of Alabama and Georgia.

A militant leader for the educational progress, Miss Finley was affiliated with numerous organizations and to each she gave unstintingly of her time, talent and forcefulness, endeavoring herself to those who stood to benefit by her courage. She was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church.

Survivors include a nephew, Mr. George Finley, Detroit; a grand-niece, Miss Eleanor Finley, and a grand-nephew, George Finley, Jr., both of Birmingham, Ala.

## EQUAL SALARY FIGHT LEADER:

## Funeral services held for militant Atlanta teacher

ATLANTA — Funeral services for Miss Cora B. Finley, militant educator, who died in a local hospital after two years of failing health, were held last week in Ivey Brothers funeral chapel.

Rites were conducted by the Rev. Samuel W. Williams, acting pastor of Friendship Baptist church, and Dr. D. H. Stanton, secretary of the American Bible Society. Burial was in South View cemetery.

On hand to pay their last tribute of respect to the retired principal in the Atlanta public school system and until recently head of the department of education at Alabama State college were many of her former students, fellow principals, elementary school and college teachers, neighbors and friends.

### Outstanding Contributions

Delivering the eulogy, Dr. Stanton pointed to Miss Finley's "outstanding contributions" to the teaching profession, her students and the community.

Charles L. Harper, executive secretary of the Georgia Teachers and Education association, said Miss Finley was a genuine leader in the school, community and in the teaching profession.

"She believed in equality and justice and stood in the forefront in the fight for equal salaries," he declared.

### Other Speakers Heard

Other participants on the program included Dr. Albert E. Manley, president of Spelman college, and Joseph T. Brooks, registrar and assistant to the president of Alabama State college. The Spelman college quartet sang.

Miss Finley held degrees from Spelman college and Atlanta university, with additional study at the University of Grenoble in France, Howard university, Columbia university, the University of Colorado, Morehouse college and Hampton Institute.



## Veteran Jazzman

Fletcher Henderson  
Buried in Georgia

NEW YORK—Last rites were held for Fletcher Henderson, veteran jazzman and one of the creators of the "swing era" of the 1930's, here last week after which his body was shipped to his birthplace, Cuthbert, Ga., for burial.

Henderson died in his home of a stroke at the age of 54. He had been paralyzed on his left side for the past two years as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Henderson made his most important mark on American pop music as arranger for the Benny Goodman band during the 1930s. When his own band broke up in 1933, he joined the then brand new Goodman crew and

New York during the '20s. When the firm split Henderson joined the Black Swan Recording Company as manager. In this job, he was the first to record Ethel Waters.

Henderson also organized his own recording band, the Black Swan Troubadours, and cut numerous records for his own company, as well as Victor, Brunswick, Vocalion and other labels of that period.

In 1924, Henderson formed his first band and began playing the Club Alabam in Harlem. He later moved over to the Roseland, where he played for seventeen years off and on. He last played the Roseland in 1941. After 1941, Henderson worked with small combos until his first stroke in 1950.

HENDERSON'S funeral services were held at Mother Zion AME Church. McMillian's Funeral Home was in charge of the services. Benny Goodman, Don Redmon, John Hammond, Dickie Wells, Garvin Bushell, Irving Randolph, Red Allen and others were honorary pallbearers.

He is survived by his widow, Leona; a sister, Mrs. Erma Jacobs, and a brother, Horace Henderson.

FLETCHER HENDERSON, master musician, arranger and band leader, is gone but will not be forgotten. Contrary to reports he did not have the FIRST Negro band (that man was James Reese Europe and his famous 12-10-17 big aggregation). He played his influence on all American popular music.

Second Stroke  
Is Fatal To  
Musician, 55

*Cape American*  
Considered Foremost  
Music Arranger And  
Pioneer Bandleader

NEW YORK — Show business paused here last Friday to pay final tribute to Fletcher Henderson, 55-year-old composer-arranger musician and member of the ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Arrangers and Publishers.)

Mr. Henderson died Monday night, Dec. 29, at Harlem hospital, where he had been an in-and-out patient for the past two years.

His death was attributed to a second cerebral hemorrhage.

Stricken in 1950

He had been paralyzed on his left side for the past two years as a result of his first stroke suffered on Dec. 21, 1950, while playing at Cafe Society Downtown.

Funeral services were held at Mother Zion AME Church, Jan. 2, at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. Mr. Robeson, minister, officiating.

The body was shipped to Cuthbert, Ga., his native home, for interment.

Native Of Georgia

Mr. Henderson lived with his wife, Mrs. Leora M. Henderson, nee Meaux of Louisville, Ky., at 228 W. 139th st., whom he married 28 years ago.

A native of Cuthbert, Ga., the son of a schoolteacher, he had been in show business for 30 years.

He began his professional career in 1922, following his graduation from Atlanta University with honors in 1920, where he had prepared for a career as chemist.

Served As Accompanist

Mr. Henderson abandoned his interest in chemistry and connected himself with Pace and Handy music publishers as song demonstrator, and when the firm split he joined the Black Swan Recording Co. as manager.

He organized his own recording band, the Black Swan Troubadours, and recorded for Black

Swan as well as Victor, Brunswick, Vocalion and other top companies of that era.

Prior to organizing his own band, he served as accompanist for many of the old time stars including, Ethel Waters, the late Bessie Smith and others.

His band career began here at Club Alabam in 1922. Then he formed a 14-piece unit which served as house band at the Roseland Ballroom for 17 years.

Toured Europe

He toured Europe and played many national tours including theatre and club dates.

He is regarded as the first conductor to put emphasis on a large brass and rhythm section, which at times featured some of the music world's best known name players.

Among them were Coleman Hawkins, Benny Carter, Louis Armstrong, Don Redman and Buster Bailey.

Outstanding Recorder

Mr. Henderson was also an outstanding recorder. Many of his records became collectors' items.

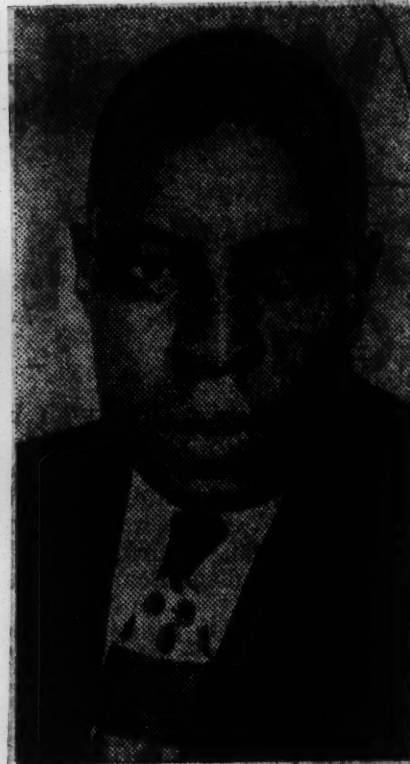
In collaboration with his brother, Horace, he did many arrangements for other rising band leaders, chief among them Benny Goodman. Outstanding among them were "King Porter Stomp," "Sugar Foot Stomp," "Big John Special," "Hot and Anxious" and "When Buddha Smiles."

His most famous compositions were "Stampede," "It's Wearing Me Down," "No Baby, No," "Down South Camp Meetin'," "Wrapping It Up" and his last in 1950, "Want Me," recently published.

His last New York appearances were at Broadway's Bop City and Cafe Society Downtown in 1950 when he introduced "Want Me," which he collaborated on with Andy Razaf, also a noted composer-musician, who also has suffered a stroke.

Henderson came up during the New Orleans jazz era, playing with such bands as Jelly Roll Morton.

He is survived by his wife, a former trumpet player; brother Horace, and a sister Mrs. Iram Jacobs.



SAMUEL P. FUGATE

... late itinerant teacher

Ex-Itinerant  
Teacher Head  
Dies in Ga.

FORT VALLEY, Ga.—On March 20, Samuel P. Fugate, 43, died after a period of illness in the Macon Hospital, Macon, Ga.

Mr. Fugate became a very busy man in the field of education immediately after his graduation from college in 1934.

He was manager, self-help cooperative; teacher-poultry manager, poultry production, Tuskegee Institute, 1934-38; teacher of vocational agriculture and principal Meriwether County, Ga., 1938-41; teacher of vocational agriculture, Swainsboro High and Industrial Schools, Swainsboro, Ga., September, 1941-January, 1946; instructor, farm mechanics Fort Valley State College, January, 1946-September, 1946; itinerant teacher trainer, State Department of Education, September, 1946-January, 1952, and

His office was located in Nashville, Tenn.  
He was born in Bishop, Va.  
Mrs. W. A. Fountain, Sr. His father was super-annuated during the same general conference that the educator was elevated.  
His remains will be sent to Atlanta, Ga., where funeral rites will be held.

was found dead in his room during the day Wednesday. The act cause of death was heart failure.  
Prior to becoming pastor at St. John, here, he served as president of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga. He held that position of the AME connection leading institution for approximately 25 years.  
Dr. Fountain was elected general secretary of the connection education department in May last year during the general conference that was held in Chicago

Information concerning the death of Dr. W. A. Fountain, Jr., former pastor of St. John AME Church, here, was received this past Thursday by the Negro News Bureau of the advertiser.  
It was stated that Dr. Fountain

head itinerant trainer for Negro schools, Georgia State Department of Education, January, 1952-March, 1953.  
He leaves to mourn his death his widow, Mrs. Iola Belle Morse Fugate, Fitzgerald, Ga.; one daughter, Alberta Fugate, who is attending high school in Beaumont, S. C., and a host of relatives, friends and co-workers.

Dr. W. A. Fountain,  
Former Pastor

At St. John, Dies



FLETCHER HENDERSON

... back to birthplace supplied it with the book of hard hitting, free swinging instrumental arrangements that catapulted the Goodman orchestra to fame.

HENDERSON organized another band of his own in 1934 and played the Roseland until 1939. He again joined Goodman in that year and played piano in the band when Jess Stacy left.

Born in Cuthbert, Ga., Henderson was a graduate of Atlanta University. He broke into the music business as a song demonstrator for the publishing firm of Pace & Handy in



W. A. Fountain, Jr.

## Ex-M'Brown Prexy Dies In Nashville

The Atlanta Daily World learned late last night of the sudden death of Dr. William A. Fountain, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the General Board of Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tenn.

While no details were available at press time, the report of his passing was confirmed by a member of the family.

The nationally-known educator and minister was elevated to his present position at the General Conference of the AME Church, held in Chicago last May.

He was scheduled for appearance at Inaugural Convocation at Morris Brown College today as a representative of the General Board of Education of the AME Church.

Dr. Fountain served as president of Morris Brown from 1928 to 1950 and served as pastor of churches in Georgia, Illinois and Alabama.

Heart Attack Fatal

## Thousands Mourn Dr. W. A. Fountain

By WILLIAM A. FOWLKES JR.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Thousands of people in all walks of life paid final tribute Monday morning to Dr. W. A. Fountain Jr., who built Morris Brown College from a shaky institution to a \$1,500,000 Class A school in the twenty-two years of his presidency from 1928 through 1950.

At the educator were held at Big Bethel AME Church where church and school dignitaries paid tribute to his contribution to youth.

Dr. Fountain had died suddenly April 8 in Nashville, Tenn., where he maintained offices as secretary-treasurer of the General Board of Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

HE WAS elected to the high

church education post at the last General Conference, and was soon to have begun a survey of AME Colleges under a General Education Board grant.

A life-long Republican, he was also rumored as in line for a high appointment in Washington, D. C.

The deceased was found dead on the floor of his bedroom in Nashville, apparently the victim of a heart attack. He was scheduled to speak at the inauguration of Dr. John H. Lewis as eighth president of Morris Brown the day after he was found dead.

Born in Athens, Ga., in 1895, Dr. Fountain graduated from Morris Brown in 1917, and received a bachelor of divinity degree from Garrett Biblical Institute in 1919. Higher academic degrees followed from Northwestern University.

FOLLOWING THE footsteps of his father, Bishop W. A. Fountain, now retired, Dr. Fountain pastored churches in Georgia and Illinois.

When Bishop Fountain entered Georgia at the behest of the general church, he brought his son, William Jr., with him to the helm of Morris Brown College, then a heavily indebted school located at Boulevard and Irwin Streets.

Together the team of Bishop Fountain and President Fountain began a legend in Negro education that saw Morris Brown gain in esteem, in rating, in facilities

and in endowment.

Dr. Fountain is credited with consolidating operations, discontinuing burdensome affiliated institutions in 1929, settling the heavy mortgage on

Boulevard property to Emory University and moving to the Hunter Street campus of the old Atlanta University campus for a new lease on life.

After securing General Education Board grants and abolishing the high school and practice school, Fountain directed the concentration of Morris Brown on the collegiate level.

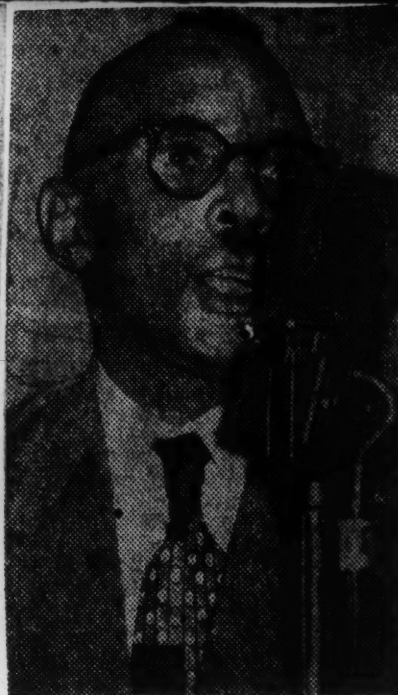
ACADEMICALLY cooperating with the Atlanta University system, Morris Brown was approved in 1933 as a class "B" school and by 1935 was admitted to the Association of American Colleges and the Association of Colleges for Negro Youth.

In 1936, Fountain began pushing a campaign for a Morris Brown endowment fund, which had increased to approximately \$500,000 at the end of his tenure.

In 1937, the Fountains and Georgia AME's secured the deed to the old Atlanta University property for a permanent home and added to this land considerably. A mammoth renovation program was completed in 1939 and new building begun.

THE FOUNTAIN administration began to add to the physical plant in 1944, constructing teachers' cottages, a president's home, temporary veterans' dormitories and classroom buildings.

In 1947, Morris Brown completed construction of the Herndon steel and concrete stadium, valued at over \$400,000, and in 1948 let contracts for construction of a twenty-four unit apartment building at a cost of \$253,



DR. W. A. FOUNTAIN

... resting in Southview

698 and for construction of an episcopal residence at a cost of \$37,800. He also built Joe Louis Gymnasium. These were completed in 1949-50.

Georgia AME contributions to Morris Brown rose from \$26,708 in 1932 to nearly \$100,000 under the Fountains through 1948.

When Bishop Fountain was transferred from Georgia to Arkansas-Oklahoma in 1948, President Fountain's removal from the Morris Brown helm followed in the wake of church politics.

AN ATTEMPT was made to discredit his service to the school and church, but at the next General Conference his accomplishments were recognized and he was awarded the highest school post within the province of the general AME church.

Dr. Fountain is survived by his father and mother, Bishop and Mrs. W. A. Fountain Sr. of Atlanta; brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Perrin of Raleigh, N. C.; brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jackson of Atlanta, and a sister, Mrs. Sujette Crank of Atlanta, among a host of other relatives and friends.

Burial was in Atlanta's Southview Cemetery.

## Mrs. Olive White Westmoreland Passes At Home

Mrs. Olive White Westmoreland, one of Atlanta's most prominent educational, church and civic workers, passed Tuesday afternoon at her home, 184 Chicamauga Street. Her sudden death climaxed a life of service to the community dating back to her birth here nearly 62 years ago.

Mrs. Westmoreland was a graduate of the Starr School and Atlanta University. She taught for a number of years in the public school system. She was married to the late William G. Westmoreland, an Atlanta Postal worker who passed approximately six years ago.

A life-long, year-round member of the First Congregational Church, she was a deaconess at the time of her death. As a younger woman, she sang in the choir and taught in the Sunday School.

She is survived by three children, one brother and three sisters. Her son, William, Jr., now resides in Detroit and will be in Atlanta for the funeral. Her other son, Walter D., was killed while an Air Force pilot during World War II.

Her two daughters are: Mrs. Ruth Mae Hume, Tuskegee, Alabama and Mrs. Edwina Rose Ford, Savannah.

Her one surviving brother is Walter White, national executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Her three sisters are: Mrs. Madeline White, Atlanta; Mrs. Helen Martin, Atlanta and Mrs. Alice Glenn, Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. Ivey Brothers will be in charge.



## Taps Sound For Dr. D. R. Green

In the passing of Dr. D. R. Green, probably the oldest active medical practitioner in the state, this community loses a factor in the field of citizenship, religion and Community welfare as well as a man foremost, even in these modern times in the field of medicine.

His death closes a powerful and interesting chapter of the old pioneer days, when Negro doctors were few and far between. Having been born and reared in the state of North Carolina, Dr. Green will be numbered among those up and stirring young doctors who had to go after their professions, with the medical schools of their states closed to them. They were to pay their taxes in one state for the education of doctors of other groups, while they went elsewhere for their training to come back home and serve their people. Here is a long story that will some day be told in more stirring lines and not on an occasion of death.

As young plowmen on the farm, long before we had access to daily newspapers, radios and televisions, Dr. Green was an inspiration to those of us who had like ambitions. Those of another generation will remember appearing in the old Atlanta Independent the ads and write ups of his school which comprised of such early pioneers as Drs. J. Neely Barber, James W. Madison, Thomas H. Slater, Henry R. Butler, E. B. Wallace, William F. Penn, Leslie Walton, J. Scott Cheshire, Alfred D. Jones, George W. Owens and others of that illustrious era made great by their hard labors before passing themselves on to their reward.

Dr. Green was probably ahead of all these with the exception of Dr. Slater. Along with his heavy practice, he found time to devote to civic, fraternal and religious organizations. He was a landmark at Friendship Baptist Church and possibly one of its oldest members. In the early days of Negro political advent, he was among those brave stalwarts who bared their breasts and went to the fore for civil and human rights.

As late as early this year, he was on the firing line for building up the registration of our people and advancing forward such candidates as might measure up to the stature as worthy while citizens whom we might put forward for consideration for office.

He attended the ward meetings, made speeches and otherwise contributed to the interest of our political entity.

He will be remembered as a great community factor, one who had a part in every awakening for the betterment of the community and state as a whole.

We now have before us, in his passing an asset and a legend. He was a tradition in himself and it can be said of him that few men in any generation of the state came up to the high standard he set in his life and works.

May they follow him.

## Final Rites Held For Dr. D. R. Green Here

In impressive funeral rites despite unfavorable weather, hundreds of citizens paid their final respects to Dr. D. R. Green, veteran and "dean" of Atlanta's medical doctors. Funeral services for the late Atlanta physician were held at the Friendship Baptist Church, yesterday 2:30 P. M. where he was a long time active member. Although 89 at the time of his

death, Dr. Green had remained active with his practice as a physician. In addition to his professional work, he was active in church work, community activities and served as a visitor at the Atlanta Hungry Club forum. Dr. Green was a pioneer in the field of medicine in Atlanta and lived to build one of the most colorful reputations ever achieved by any in his profession, friends recalled.

Rev. Samuel W. Williams, acting pastor of Friendship Baptist Church called Dr. Green a "man of great faith," and said that "his skill as a scientist predicated upon possessing a deep faith which is true in any great man of science."

The faith possessed by Dr. Green as a scientist would apply to others dealing with the aspects of a social order, Rev. Williams indicated.

The program ran as follows:

Prelude; Processional; Hymn — "Nearer My God To Thee"; Prayer — Rev. W. C. Burson; Scripture Reading — Father S. C. Usher; Hymn — "Onward Christian Soldiers"; Representative from Deacon Board — Friendship Baptist Church — Dr. E. B. Williams; Representatives from Atlanta Medical Assn. — Dr. M. L. Jackson, Dr. Raymond Carter; Representative from the Boy Scouts — Mr. Ralph Robinson; Solo — Mrs. Nell Henry; Eulogy — Rev. Samuel W. Williams, Acting Pastor; Masonic Ritual very impressive.

Among the out of town friends present were James A. Landrum, Sr., twin brother of Mrs. Green, who will remain with her indefinitely, James A. Landrum, Jr., both of Gary, Indiana; Mrs. W. W. White, of Augusta and Mrs. R. Stillman Smith of Macon.

Numerous telegrams and floral came in from friends and relatives.

Dr. Green is survived by his widow Mrs. Hattie Green and son, Dr. D. R. Green, Jr., and Mrs. Kathleen Marian Green.

Interment took place in Lincoln Cemetery. Ivy Brothers, Funeral directors were in charge.

## Death Claims Mrs. H. Hunt

FORT VALLEY, Ga.—Mrs. Florence Johnson Hunt, wife of the late Henry Alexander Hunt, died Thursday morning, September 24, in Ft. Valley. Mrs. Hunt had been ill for an extended period of time and was residing with her son, H. A. Hunt, Jr., at the time of her death.

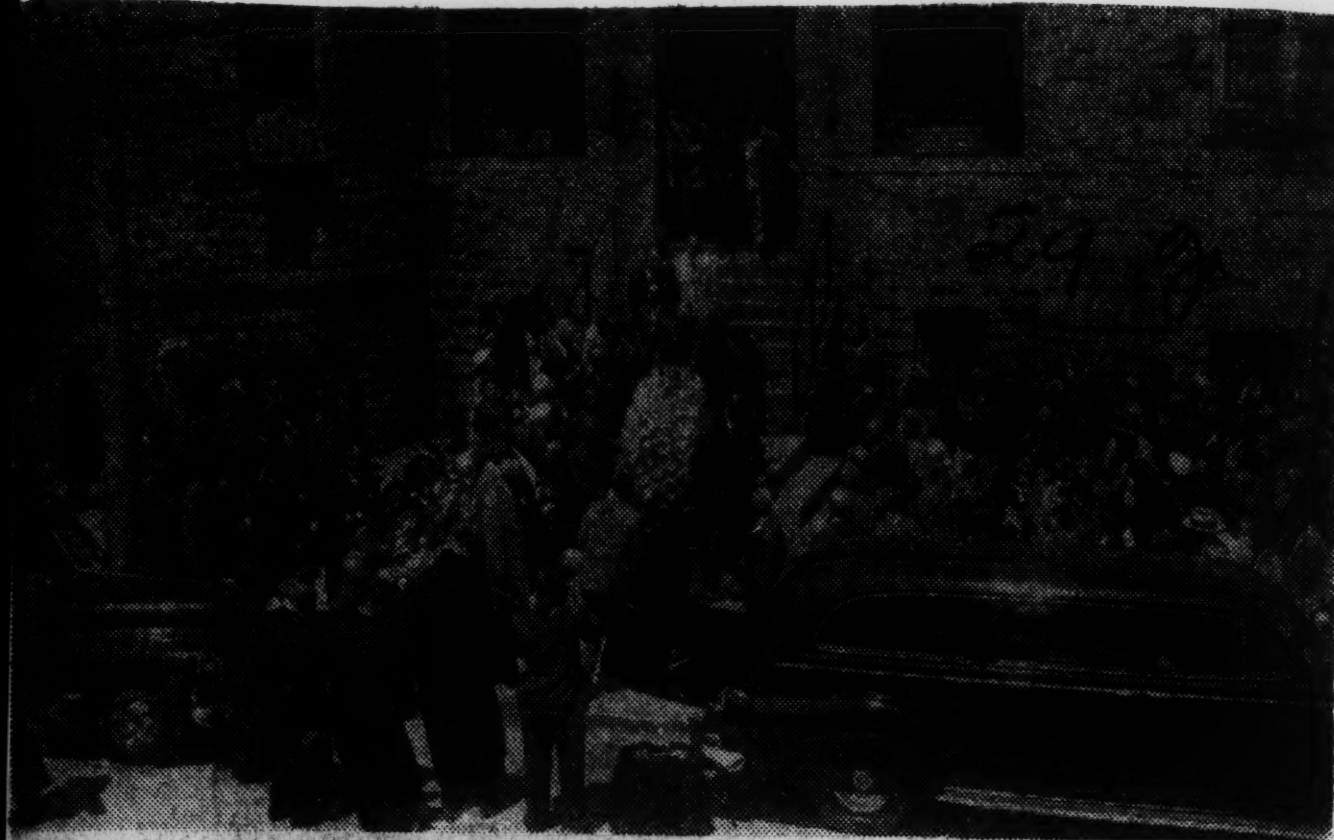
Mrs. Hunt's life, like that of her husband, was intricately interwoven with education and human development in Georgia and the nation. She joined her husband when he came to Fort Valley in 1904, to serve as the second principal of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School. They together worked and developed much of the plant and concept of education that is now Fort Valley College—a perpetual monument to their labors together from 1904-1938.

Mrs. Hunt was active in civic and community affairs until illness curbed her active participation. She served as president of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in Georgia for ten (10) years and solicited funds for the erection of the Home for Delinquent Girls located in Macon, Georgia.

Mrs. Hunt is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Hunt Wolfe of New York City, Mrs. Adele Hunt Gray of Chicago, Ill., and H. A. Hunt, Jr., of Fort Valley, Ga.

The funeral service will be conducted at the Fort Valley College Center today, Sept. 23, at 2:00 p. M. Burial will be beside her husband on the Fort Valley State College campus.





**FINAL RITES FOR W. A. FOUNTAIN, JR.** — The body of W. A. Fountain, Jr., is carried from Big Bethel A.M.E. Church following funeral services Monday. Thousands filled the church to pay final tribute to the former president of Morris Brown College and noted churchman. — (Perry's Photo)

## Thousands Attend Final Rites For Former M'Brown President

### Bishop Wilkes Delivers Eulogy, Sees Death As An "Emancipation"

In a bronze casket blanketed with flowers lay the last earthly remains of William A. Fountain, Jr., whose funeral rites were solemnized at Big Bethel A.M.E. Church at 10:30 Monday. Between two and three thousand persons packed the church to witness the ceremony.

The professional was led into the church by local and national representatives of the church, lay groups, educational groups and other walks of life.

#### REV. BEARDEN PRESIDES

Rev. H. I. Bearden, pastor of Big Bethel presided over the funeral program which was opened by the church choir singing "Faith of Our Fathers."

Dr. William Holmes Borders, pas-

tor of Wheat Street Baptist Church offered the prayer. The service was followed by the Allen Temple choir's rendition of "The Old Rugged Cross." Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of the Methodist Church gave a scripture reading, Psalm 91, from the Old Testament; Dr. D. H. Stanton of the American Bible Society gave a reading from the New Testament.

Dr. S. H. Giles of the faculty of Turner Theological Seminary read the obituary. He was followed by the Morris Brown College Ensemble

singing "Same Me, O God!"

#### REV. WILKES' SERMON

The Right Rev. W. R. Wilkes, presiding bishop of the 12th Episcopal district A.M.E. church, delivered the funeral sermon. He used as his theme: "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life can separate me from the love of God."

His speech outlined four outstanding factors for religious devotion: Knowledge of God, Ability of God, Dependability of God and Personal Commitment.

He also discussed four possible human attitudes commonly displayed upon coming face to face with death — the inevitable. They are Unbelief, Revolt, Fear and, lastly, Faith. Bishop Wilkes said: "Death is no annihilation, no separation — it is emancipation."

#### TWO-MINUTE TRIBUTES

Following the remarks and messages given by Dr. T. J. Davis in place of Bishop Joseph Gomez, two

minute tributes were given by several notables. They were Dr. E. A. Selby, secretary-treasurer, A.M.E.

Sunday School Union; Dr. J. E. Beard, secretary-treasurer, Pension Department; Dr. M. L. King Sr., the Baptist Church; L. D. Milton, the Citizens Trust Bank; Rev. J. R. Hurley, A.M.E. Ministers Union.

Dr. George L. Hightower, National Alumni Association of Morris Brown College; Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president, Atlanta University; Dr. R. A. Billings, A.M.E. Laymen; Dr. Kendall Weisiger, benefactor of Morris Brown College.

Dr. Willis A. Sutton, retired superintendent, Atlanta Public Schools; Dr. Margaret Nelson Rowley, Morris Brown College faculty; Rev. J. S. Granbury, pastor, Dr. J. H. Griffin, Bainbridge; Nathaniel Ingram, president of Atlanta Morris Brown Alumni.

President Higgins of Allen University spoke on behalf of Bishop Frank Reid. The Morris Brown College Ensemble sang the college Alma Mater.

#### PALLBEARERS

Active pallbearers were: H. B. Fuller, Rev. W. T. Gilliard, Lynwood Graves, William Greene, Rev. O. F. Maddox, Rev. F. L. Riley; Julian Robinson and Alexander Sheppard.

Honorary pallbearers were: Kappa Boule of Sigma Pi Phi, J. B. Blayton, Dr. J. Cochran, Dr. T. J. Davis, Roderick Harris, B. T. Harvey, Norris B. Herndon, Dr. A. S. Jackson, I. P. Reynolds, William J. Shaw, Dr. Forrester B. Washington and C. R. Yates.

#### INTERMENT

A lengthy motor cortege escorted the remains to Southview Cemetery for the interment. The commitment was read by Rev. J. P. Moses. The Moreland Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Immediate survivors include: Bishop and Mrs. W. A. Fountain, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jackson, Mrs. Sujette Crank, Miss Julia and Miss Cardrienne Perrin.

On the official program, there appeared an ode by Mrs. Susie M. Wilcher titled "Thoughts on the Passing of Dr. William Alfred Fountain, Jr."

Dr. S. H. Giles' obituary reading outlined the career of the deceased lauding his participation in educational, religious and civic activities.

## Fountain, A.M.E. Leader, Found Dead

ATLANTA — Funeral services for Dr. William A. Fountain Jr., 58, secretary of education of the A.M.E. church and president for 20 years of Morris Brown College,



were held from Big Bethel A.M.E. church Monday, with Rev. H. I. Bearden, pastor, officiating.

Dr. Fountain, was found dead in his College Hill apartment in Nashville, Tenn., where he

made his headquarters last week after a night of some alarmed, but unexplained, absence.

A coroner's verdict said that death was due to a heart attack.

He was the son of Bishop William A. Fountain, retired senior bishop of the A.M.E. church.

Dr. Fountain resigned from Morris Brown in 1951. During his administration, the longest of any president in the history of the school, Morris Brown had its greatest growth. He was elected to his present position at the last General Conference in May, 1952 in Chicago. He formerly pastored in Evanston, Illinois and Montgomery, Alabama.

He is survived by his parents, Bishop and Mrs. W. A. Fountain of Atlanta and three sisters, Mrs. Sujette Crank and Mrs. Julia Belle Jackson of Atlanta; and Mrs. Louise Perrin of Raleigh, North Carolina, plus a number of other relatives.



# Services For Dr. Fountain Will Be Held Here Monday

Funeral rites for Dr. William A. Fountain, Jr., former president of Morris Brown college, will be held here Monday, members of the family announced yesterday.

The AME official died Wednesday in his apartment in Nashville, Tenn., where he was secretary-treasurer of the General Board of Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

International News Service reported yesterday that Dr. Fountain was found dead on the floor of his bedroom. The coroner's report said death was caused by natural factors and listed aggravation of a heart condition as the probable cause. International News Service said.

Dr. E. A. Selby, a close personal friend who worked in the same office building with the deceased man, said Dr. Fountain was seen early in the morning by a man who greeted him before going to work.

Selby said the man returned from work Wednesday night, failed to see Dr. Fountain, and opened the apartment door to find the educator dead on the floor of his bedroom.

Dr. Selby, one of the first to reach the scene, said:

"We called the coroner at once before anyone touched him."

The educator died on the founders' day of Morris Brown college of which he was president from 1928 to 1950.

Members said last night that details of the funeral arrangements will be announced today.

Dr. Fountain was born in Athens, Ga., February 12, 1895. He received his A. B. degree from Morris Brown College in 1917. Garrett Biblical Institute awarded him the B. D. degree in 1919. Subsequently, he received the M. A. degree from Northwestern University.

He was a member of the NEA, Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes, the Southern Regional Council, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and a member of the board of directors of the United Negro College Fund.



DR. WILLIAM A. FOUNTAIN, JR.

## Coroner Returns Report On Death Of Ex-M'Brown Prexy



### One By One They Go

"ONE BY ONE THEY GO TO meet beyond the river." This time it is Dr. William A. Fountain, jr., secretary of education of the African Methodist Episcopal church. He was found dead in his home in Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday, April 8. Heart disease was given as the cause.

Dr. Fountain was the son of Bishop W. A. Fountain, sr., retired senior bishop of the AME church, 242 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. His father is blind. Young Fountain was 58.

IT MAY SEEM strange that this appears in a sports column. It is because, through the years, we have friends who are presidents of schools, head coaches, directors of athletics, head of agriculture departments, physicians, surgeons, chemists, deans (both men and women) and just plain folk. Dr. Fountain was one. He was plain "Willie" to me. That is what his father and sisters called him. He was always "Fay." We were very close. His death was a shock. Say what you want, but we never are ready to receive or accept the news of the death of a very close friend. Sometimes we tell a little purple lie and say we are.

Willie Fountain and I talked at length in Nashville Sunday night,

March 1, in the home of Dr. W. S. Davis, president of Tennessee State university. He came over in the driving rain and spent two hours. Again I visited Nashville for the National High School A.A. tourney on March 26, 27, and 28. He attended one of the afternoon sessions but on Saturday afternoon he visited with me for more than three hours. He left to attend a church meeting out in the country that night, returning to Nashville and leaving for Memphis for Sunday, March 29.

He always carried, on these trips, a small Bible I had given him for a Christmas present last year. His name was on the outside cover stamped in gold. He had told his father about it. He knew that the 23rd Psalm and the 15th Chapter of Romans were two of my favorites. When ever he came to Chicago he took time out to come to my home and put his feet under the kitchen table and eat with his coat off. He always said he felt at home with me. I had been his friend through thick and thin.

SOME HIGHER UPS in the AME church really tried to crucify Willie Fountain. They got him moved from the presidency of Morris Brown college. He built the Herndon stadium. He borrowed money on his own notes to meet the salaries of teachers. He went to pastor a large church here and last year at the quadriennial

conference of the church, he was named secretary of education. He was happy. The following evening we chatted as the shadow begun to blot out the sunset in the west. He told me, "Fay, I shall do all in my power to help Morris Brown — you know that don't you." I said I did. I added "Willie whatever you do make it the best you can and don't explain anything. Your friends know — your enemies won't believe you anyhow."

When Joe Louis visited Atlanta to help officially dedicate the new stadium at Morris Brown, he was there at Dr. Fountain's invitation as were Ches Washington and Bill Nunn, both of the Courier and this writer.

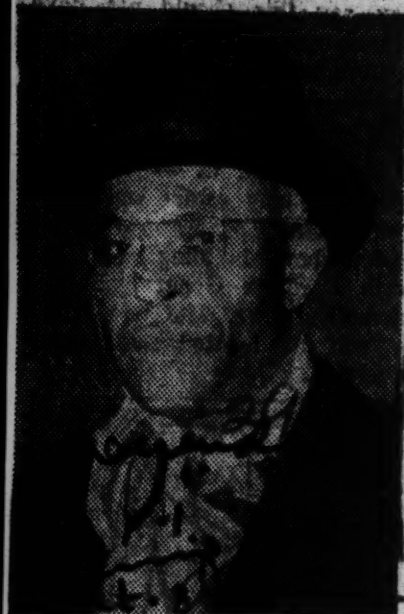
AND SO A MAN WHO was definitely interested in college athletics, who had done more than his share to help students get scholarships at Morris Brown, who was a real churchman, an honest to goodness friend long before I received, in absentee because of sickness, a doctor of laws honorary degree from Morris Brown university is no more.

Gone but not forgotten. Where ever the name of Morris Brown is spoken or that of the stadium, Dr. Fountain will be thought of. Those of us who are left behind will never understand his sudden departure other than our belief in the Scripture. Our days are numbered. We know not the day nor the hour.

The old folk used to sing "We'll Understand It Better By and By" when death visited the families but the minister would tell us— "ONE BY ONE THEY GO TO MEET BEYOND THE RIVER."



## Estime Dies



as President, from 1946 until May, 1950, when he resigned at the behest of the military junta which had backed him for election. It was his effort to get the Senate to amend the Constitution to enable him to succeed himself, that led to his downfall. There were difficulties during his last six months in the presidency, involving two or three attempts to assassinate him which forced him to take drastic steps in November and December, 1949. *Come*

DUMARSAIS ESTIME will be remembered chiefly for sponsoring Haiti's first income-tax law, the model town he built at Bellefere on the Dominican border, the organization of collective farms, for his encouragement of labor unions and higher wages for workers, and for the international exposition in Port au Prince. *Est. 8-1-53*

DUMARSAIS ESTIME, former president of the Republic of Haiti, died Monday in New York's Columbia Presbyterian medical center. He was 53. Estime resigned as president of Haiti in 1950.

## Estime Mourned

Former President  
Of Haiti Dead at 53

NEW YORK — The sudden death last week of Dumarsais Estime, 53, former President of the Republic of Haiti, has caused a great shock to New York's considerable Haitian colony and local citizens who knew him.

He had lived for the last eight months at the Hotel Francon with his wife, Lucienne Estime, and his four children, two sons and two daughters. Prior to that he had lived in Jamaica after returning from exile in Paris.

Mr. Estime served four years

Unfortunately, Mr. Estime got too ambitious when he sought to extend his tenure in defiance of the will of the ruling classes who were determined to have a popular government and to break with the old dictatorial tradition.

Mr. Estime died of high blood pressure and uremia following a brief illness. A Rosary was given at the Cooke Funeral Parlor. The family accompanied the body to Haiti for burial.

Many members of the Haitian colony in New York were in attendance and there was general regret that his exile was so quickly terminated by his death.



## R. E. Westbrook Dies In Chicago

CHICAGO (ANP)—Funeral services were held last week in the Metropolitan memorial for Richard E. Westbrook, 66, noted attorney and civic leader, who died at his home earlier in the week after a prolonged illness.

The Rev. Archibald J. Carey Jr., pastor of Quinn Chapel AME church, delivered the eulogy. Burial was in the family lot at Lincoln cemetery.

Born in Waco, Texas, Oct. 13, 1886, Westbrook came to Chicago in 1909. He was graduated from the John Marshall Law school in 1911 and was secretary of the board of trustees of this institution from 1946 until his death. For some 29 years, he served as counsel at Chicago for the Republic of Liberia. This period was from 1922-1951.

### Railroad Case Highlight

One of his most outstanding achievements as an attorney was his arguments in 1941 before the U.S. Supreme court which influenced the decision prohibiting segregation of interstate travelers on the American railroads.

Atty. Westbrook is survived by his widow, Mrs. Essie Gaskill Westbrook; a sister, Mrs. W. Hines Washum; a brother, Charles P. Westbrook; a foster sister, Miss Georgia Joy; a niece, Miss June Hines Stewart, and other relatives.

## Robert Ball, Youthful Engineer, Dies At 23

BY WILLIAM SUTTON

EVANSTON, Ill.—Robert J. Ball, 23, holder of one of the highest industrial posts ever reached by a Negro, died in Dayton, Ohio, last week. He was buried following rites at Ebenezer AME church, Saturday.

The youthful engineer was assistant superintendent

of the C. & N. O. and R. division Smith, Majorie Dugget, Lillian McFall and Caralee Brown.

From Rome, N. Y. came James and Gloria Barber to pay their last respects to Ball. Mr. and Mrs. George Nesbitt, aunt and uncle of the deceased, attended from Washington, D. C.

Leo Williamson of Columbus, Ohio; Ella Holt and Ella Mae Johnson of Los Angeles, and Hattie Edwards of Terre Haute, Ind., were also present.

Ball was a protégé of Henry Crown, multi-millionaire owner of Material Service Co. of Chicago, and hotel tycoon. Crown sponsored the Evanston youth in college and was instrumental in getting him placed in the Dayton post.

### Civil Rights Lawyer Buried in Chicago



ROBERT BALL

of Ball were present for his funeral. Among them were the following from Dayton:

Marvin Saunders, George Lawrence, Thomas Younge, Walter Laupley, Carl Burman, Josephine Sims, Dorothy Hudson, Deloris

The late Richard E. Westbrook, famed civil rights attorney, was buried Saturday, Dec. 20, in Chicago. Westbrook fought cases to end Jim Crow on railroad trains, winning one of the historic cases in the U.S. Supreme court. He

won the case for former Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, of Chicago, in connection with railroad segregation.

The Rev. Archibald J. Carey Jr., local alderman and a top Republican leader, gave the eulogy at the funeral. Active and honorary pallbearers included 45 judges and numerous attorneys and civic leaders.

Probably the most noble tribute made to Westbrook was by Noble W. Lee, dean of John Marshall law school, the dead man's alma mater. He said Westbrook was "winning civil rights cases for many of today's civil rights groups were ever heard of." He said Westbrook through his contributions helped John Marshall law school to survive the depression while other law schools were failing. Westbrook for years served as secretary of school's board of trustees.

## Mrs. Clanton 99 at Death

CHICAGO — Funeral services for Mrs. Olive Bird Clanton, 99, widow of the Rev. Solomon Clanton, first Negro graduate of the University of Chicago and former assistant librarian at the university, was held last Friday. Her body was later interred at Burr Oak cemetery.

Mrs. Clanton, who died in her home in the South Side, was a native of Decatur, Ill. She taught at Selma University, Selma, Ala., when her husband was dean of the college school there.

Surviving are three sons, Benjamin G. Dwight L. and Robert L.; four daughters, Mrs. Edna Sellers, Mrs. Juanita Cox, Mrs. Johnette Grant and Mrs. Phoebe Arrington; five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

## M. C. B. Mason's Widow Dead At 92 Years

CHICAGO, Ill.—The death of Mrs. Mary Mason, widow of Dr. M. C. B. Mason, first Negro General Conference officer of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was revealed here last week.

Mrs. Mason, of this city, succumbed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winona Brown, in Daytona Beach, Fla. She was 92 years of age. Her late husband, a close friend of Booker T. Washington, served as secretary of the ME's Freedman's Aid Society and the educational department.

Survivors include a son, M. C. B. Mason Jr.; two other daughters, Mrs. Mame Mason Higgins of Chicago, and Mrs. Noblesse Sexton of Minneapolis; four grandchildren and great-grandchild.

## Cecil Scott, Social Worker, Dies Suddenly

CHICAGO—Cecil Scott, 46, director of the Lower North Community Settlement House here, former AFRO correspondent and former industrial secretary of the Baltimore Urban League, died suddenly, early Saturday night, after he was stricken while reading in bed.

His funeral was to have been held Tuesday in Chicago, with interment in Colorado Springs, Colo., his mother's home.

A member of the Baltimore Frontiers Club, Mr. Scott was a jovial person, the news of whose death brought a wave of sadness to all who knew him.

### Wilberforce Graduate

Mr. Scott, a native Ohioan, was a graduate of Wilberforce College and the University of Cincinnati where he majored in personnel administration.

He worked for some time with the U.S. Employment Service in Cincinnati and for three years was personnel liaison representative with the Wright Aeronautical co., there, before going to Baltimore in 1945.

He left Baltimore in 1950 to take the post he held at the time of his death in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vera G. Scott; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott; brothers, Dr. Frank Scott, Springfield, Ohio; Dwight, Cincinnati, and Louis, Cleveland; and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Chicago.



# Hold Last Rites For Sgt. Lucille Sublett

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Funeral services were held last week at St. John's AME church for one of the community's most prominent and best loved citizens, T-Sgt. Lucille Marie Sublett, who died Saturday Feb. 14 at Letterman hospital, Presidio, Calif.

The services were conducted by Rev. Andrew R. Parks, pastor of the church, and burial was at Camp Butler National cemetery. The Col. Otis B. Duncan Post 809, American Legion conducted graveside ceremonies.

Assisting in the service was Rev. K. J. Sidall, former pastor of the church. Among the prominent clergymen in attendance were: Presiding Elders William R. Stewart and George W. Brewer, and Rev. John Davis.

Serving as palbearers were: Leon H. Stewart, Frank W. Cason, James S. LeVine, H. G. Pen-George E. Taylor. Meses: Susie Cason, Violette Jackson, Lucille Stewart and Miss Harriette Merriweather were flower girls.

Prior to her enlistment in the Woman's Army Auxiliary corps in November, 1942, Sergeant Sublett was the guiding force of much of the civic and religious life of the community.

At various times she held active membership on the stewardess board of St. John's AME church, the Phyllis Wheatley club of the YWCA, and the John R. Bross Relief corps of the GAR.

She served as a director of the local branch of the NAACP and the Springfield Community Chest, and held the presidency of the Service Bureau for Colored Children of Sangamon county for two terms.

As a member of the WAC, Sergeant Sublett participated in the army's educational and recruiting programs. On entering service she was assigned to recruiting duties in Chicago.

Following her duties there she was sent to Washington and Lee

university, at Lexington, Va., and later to the University of Wisconsin where she was trained for duty with the army's education program.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Louis Guy, of Bloomington, Ill., and Mrs. Dawn Victory Ross, of Chicago; and three grandchildren, Osmond Guy, a student at A and T college, Greensboro, N. C.; Newell David Guy of Bloomington and Nancy Elynn Ross, of Chicago.

## 108-Year-Old Woman Buried

CHICAGO (AP) — Funeral services were held in Greater Harvest Baptist Church here for Mrs. Mary Kendrick, 108-year-old former slave, who had been a resident of Chicago on some thirty-five years. Mrs. Kendrick died in the home of the Rev. Samuel Kendrick.

Born in South Carolina on Aug. 14, 1845, Mrs. Kendrick came to Chicago in 1918.

Besides the Rev. Mr. Kendrick, Mrs. Kendrick is survived by another son, the Rev. Richard H. of Michigan City, Ind.; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel King, Chicago, and Mrs. Ella Wallace of Van Fleet, Mo.; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

## First Negro Woman Dentist Passes

CHICAGO (AP) — Ada Gray Nelson Rollins, first Negro woman dentist, died Monday morning in her home, 3652 South Wabash avenue, where she lived for 55 years.

Dr. Rollins, born in Clarksville, Tenn., went to Cincinnati, O., as a child. She graduated from Michigan university, Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1896. She practiced in Chicago for 40 years and retired in 1933, having taken up residence here in 1891.

Her first husband was Col. James Nelson, affiliated with the former Eighth Infantry, who died in 1926. Several years later, she

was married to William Rollins, who later deceased. She is survived by a few cousins, living in Detroit.

Her funeral was held Thursday afternoon. Interment was in Lincoln cemetery.

## Attorney, AU Grad, Dies In Cincinnati

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A 73-year-old attorney, who formerly taught at Savannah State College, died in Cincinnati, Ohio, while he and his wife were returning to Chicago after a visit to Savannah.

The well-known lawyer, J. G. Lemon, 73, and one of Savannah's well-known citizens, was a former student at Atlanta University. He was born in McDonough, Ga., and had been a member of the bar for more than 15 years.

In addition to Atlanta University, Mr. Lemon received a degree from Chicago University. He taught in Memphis before returning to Georgia. His son is a member of the Chicago bar. Mr. Lemon is survived by his wife Mrs. Mattie Lemon, who taught in public schools for many years, a daughter, Miss Carolyn Wilson of Milwaukee, and a son, J. G. Lemon, Jr., of Chicago.

## Dr. Howard Rites Held Thursday

CHICAGO, ILL. —

Funeral services were held here Thursday morning for Dr. Elmer E. Howard at McGowan Funeral home.

Dr. Howard, brother of Republican National committeeman Perry Howard, died Saturday in San Antonio, Texas. He moved there following his retirement a few months ago.

A native of Ebenezer, Miss., Dr. Howard practiced in Meridian until 1920, when he came to Chicago. His brother represents Mississippi on the Republican committee.

Besides his brother he is survived by two sons, Leake and

Elmer, both of Chicago, and two daughters, Charlotte Sutton and Helen Booker, both of San Antonio.

A third son, Winston, was killed in the bar of the Pershing hotel a few years ago.

## Big Bill Tate, Former Boxer, Dies In Chicago

William (Big Bill) Tate, 61, one time contender for the heavyweight boxing title of the world and trainer of former world's champion, Jack Dempsey, died Monday at his home in Chicago, 6245 South Parkway of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Surviving are Mrs. Doris Mosley, a daughter; two sisters, Mrs. Leona Mae Baker of New York and Mrs. Bertha Tate Spaulding of Kansas City and a half brother, Dr. William Tate, Jr.

### NATIVE OF MONTGOMERY

The former six foot eight boxing giant, who was a wrestler for a few years, was born in Montgomery, Ala. He graduated from the Montgomery A and M college in that city and later attended Meharry Medical college.

His interests led him into the prize ring where he met the topnotchers of the day including Sam McVey, Sam Langford, the Boston Tar Baby, John Lester Johnson, and many others.

Later he became a sparring mate of Jack Dempsey when the Manassa Mauler was rising to pugilistic fame. Some sports records say that when the pressure was on Dempsey to meet Harry Wills for the championship a bout was arranged between Tate and Wills.

The two giant met and Tate emerged victorious when Wills was disqualified for holding his opponent and hitting. Tate's victory over Wills is said to have spoiled the latter's chance of ever meeting Dempsey for the title.

### IN CHICAGO 40 YEARS

Tate was a resident of Chicago for 40 years. In 1928 he led the pickets in the old Chicago Whip's fight to have the Woolworth stores employ colored clerks under the slogan of "Don't Spend Your Money Where You Can't Work."

For more than 25 years Big Bill



Sgt. Sublett



# SAYS

## Bill Tate

FUNERAL SERVICES for the late Bill Tate were held last Saturday in Chicago. The colorful life of the former boxer who was known to the fans as "Jack Dempsey's sparring partner" came to an end on Tuesday, Aug. 11, after an illness of 18 months. The customers in the White City tavern will miss the familiar figure who would drop in to chat with his old-time friends and the two owners, Frank H. Young and Fred Elliott. Tate lived at 6245 South Parkway—a short walk away. In that group were Bert White and Col. Benote Lee.

The last time we talked with Tate was the night of Marciano's one-round knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott. He was very bitter. "It's a crying shame to allow such a match," Bill informed us and he went into a long discourse on Jersey Joe's time to quit the ring (which he said should have been done after the second fight with Louis), of the poor collection of heavyweights of the present day among other things. But before he got through he acquainted us with the fact that his real "beef" came because the International Boxing Club had given him a free ducat to the fight.

OF LATE YEARS Tate was a CIO business agent and proudly would let everyone know he was representing the meat cutters union. We were together one year at the intercity New York vs Chicago Golden Gloves in New York City. We bumped into him during the workouts of the Chicago team at Stillman's gym. After dinner we headed back to the hotel and then on to Madison Square Garden.

Bill had no ticket. We had a press ducat. The gateman allowed Tate to go through on the promise

that he would be back with a seat. Locating the Chicago Tribune's staff, Tate got his ringside ducat. All he had told the gateman was "I'm Big Bill Tate, Jack Dempsey's sparring partner, I'll be back with a ticket soon as I can locate Arch Ward (the Trib's sports editor)." "Sure, sure," said the gateman, "everybody knows you, Bill—just come on back when you locate Mr. Ward." During the intermission we wanted some beer. Try and get served in that crowd! With Tate leading the way, we wanted to leave the building. No soap.

Tate spied some Garden official whom he knew and told him we had some important business to transact with Mickey Walker who has a place across the street. We were allowed to go. When we entered Walker's joint, everything stopped. Such greetings he received were for a world champion. We left to see the remainder of the fights. Did we go back? Nope. Bill said if we did, he would never get away from there—fellows he hadn't seen in 20 years, some his friends, most of them Dempsey's.

We wound up at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem with George Moore, who was then managing Henry Armstrong. Tate was plain "Bill" to his friends. A giant of 6 feet, 6 1-2 inches in height, Tate weighed about 230 pounds and carried it well until later years when he developed a big stomach. This disappeared after illness a few years ago. His age is down as 61. TATE WAS BORN in Montgomery, Ala. Desired in his early years to be a physician. Was graduated from A. and M. college in Normal, Ala., in 1905. That was 48 years ago. Must have been only 13 years old when he got his college degree. He went to New York in 1910. In a fight that year with Joe Jean-

nette, now a boxing referee for the New Jersey state athletic commission in the Newark, N. J., baseball park, Tate was knocked down 12 times in six rounds but came up fighting. Always Big Bill declared, "Joe Jeanette was the hardest hitter I ever faced. Dempsey, Jackson and Sam Langford could hit as hard as he could."

Tate fought Harry Wills eight times, Sam Langford seven and Joe Jeanette four. Against Wills in 1921, Tate was knocked out in round two on Jan. 17 in Buffalo; was knocked out in the sixth on July 2 at Long Island, N. J. Tate won in 12 rounds in Denver on Dec. 8.

If you ever run into Felix Payne, Kansas City sportsman and veteran tennis player, ask him about the night of Jan. 25, 1917, when Tate beat Langford in 12 rounds in the Missouri city. Langford knocked Tate out in the fifth in Minneapolis in 1919 in June and decisioned him in 10 rounds in Grand Rapids on Aug. 24. Langford and Tate had no-decision bouts in Benton Harbor, Mich., in 1920 and in Memphis in 1922 but Sam beat Tate in 12 rounds in Tulsa on Aug. 4, 1922.

Tate was congenial, well liked. He was highly respected as a Masonic leader and a Shriner.

# Charles A. Griffin, Ex-Solon, Dies

Final rites for Charles A. Griffin, a former representative in the Illinois Legislature, were held Tuesday at Grant Memorial AME church.

The 69-year-old ex-lawmaker died Saturday Aug. 22, of a heart attack at his home, 5414 Ingle-side, where he lived with members of his family.

Mr. Griffin was a member of Grant Memorial church and his brother, the late Rev. William H. Griffin, was for several years pastor of the same church.

Born Jan. 24, 1884, in Ohio, Mr. Griffin came to Chicago in 1900. He became active in politics and represented the Fifth Senatorial District in the 54th and 55th General Assemblies, where he fought many battles single-handedly.

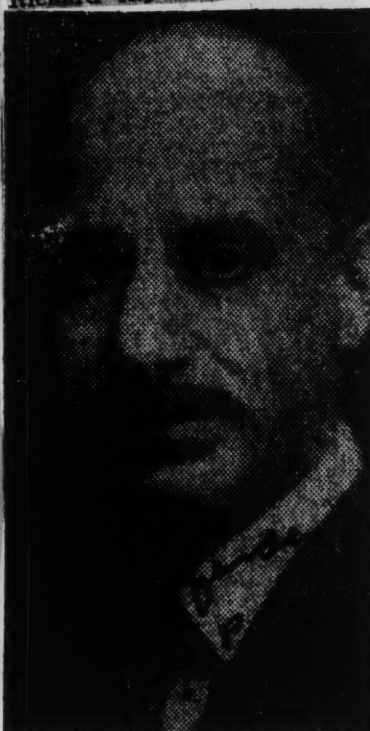
A real estate broker, Mr. Griffin was one of the founders of Metropolitan Community center, at 41st and South Parkway; one of the founders of Fort Dearborn Lodge of Elks and Arnett Lodge of Odd Fellows, and for 18 years was secretary of the Trustee board of Bethel AME church. He was also a Mason.

The Ohio native was offered the post of Secretary of the U. S. Legation at Monrovia, Liberia, but declined the appointment. The same year he entered the life insurance business and rose rapidly to district manager of the Western Indemnity company.

As a member of the state legislature, Mr. Griffin worked tirelessly. The Griffin Law struck one of the first death blows at the notorious Ku Klux Klan. The bill, introduced by Mr. Griffin, opened the doors of public schools and colleges in the state to all races and creeds.

It was through his opposition that an effort to place the monument to Negro soldiers of World War I in an obscure location was defeated. The monument now stands at 35th and South Parkway.

The former solon leaves a widow, Mrs. Iris M. Griffin; a daughter, Mrs. Eudora Patterson, a son, Richard A., and other relatives.



CHARLES A. GRIFFIN



# Bury Dr. Smith, Defender Medic

Funeral services for Dr. Troy Smith who died Monday, Sept. 21 were held Thursday at Quinn Chapel AME church with hundreds of persons from all walks of life in attendance. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Archibald Carey, jr., pastor of the church.

The noted doctor who had practiced in Chicago for 36 years was stricken suddenly three weeks ago and underwent an emergency operation at Provident hospital.

Death brought to a close a colorful career as a steelworker, army surgeon, practicing physician, and civic leader. Born June 10, 1891 in Terre Haute, Ind. to Robert and Rebecca Smith, he was orphaned at eight years old and worked his way through medical school at Indiana university.

He was married in 1920 to Miss Jessye Willis and was aide to the late famed Dr. Wilberforce Williams at Provident.

Dr. Smith was staff physician to the Chicago Defender and for many years conducted a health column in the paper. He was a member of the Cook County, National, Chicago, American and Illinois Medical associations and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He had been a member of Quinn Chapel for many years. He was also a member of the National Post graduate Assembly.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jessye Smith and two cousins, Mrs. Julia Bass and Mrs. Faye Herrod, both of Chicago.

Active pallbearers were Drs. Roscoe Giles, Homer Cooper, Count Teffner, John Burrell, J. L. Pratt and T. Smith.

Honorary pallbearers included Dr. Clarence Payne, Atty. Alva Bates, James C. Stamps, Atty. Joseph Bibbs and William Coffey. Burial was at Lincoln cemetery.



DR. TROY SMITH

## Mother Of Dr. Lawless Dies At 82

Mrs. Harriett E. Lawless, 82 year-old mother of Dr. T. K. Lawless, internationally famous dermatologist, died Tuesday morning at Provident Hospital after a prolonged illness. Vesper services were held at the Metropolitan funeral parlors, 45th and S. Park, Wednesday.

The funeral was scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31 at Beecher Memorial Congregational church, New Orleans, La., with interment in the family mansion at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mrs. Lawless was one of six children born to Enoc and Ellen Dunn in Tallahassee, Fla. She



Mrs. Lawless

attended the public schools there and finished her education at Straight University in New Orleans.

She then followed in the footsteps of her school-teaching father and taught in Lafourche Parish in a school that was built with funds provided by her father.

After her marriage to Rev. Alfred Lawless, jr., official of the American Missionary Association, in 1829, she became an ardent church worker and was eventually elected president of the Louisiana Women's Mission Union.

She is survived by two sons, Dr. Theodore Lawless and Oscar Lawless, a real estate operator and teacher, both of 4321 S. Parkway; a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Martin, Chicago public school teacher; 3 brothers, Henderson and Thaddeus both of Louisiana, and Oliver Dunn of Chicago.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mamie Johnson of California and Cornelia Dunn of New Orleans.

# Rites Monday For Ashby Carter

Funeral services were held at the Quinn Chapel AME church in Chicago Monday for Ashby B. Carter, president of the National Alliance of Postal Employees.

The nationally known union and fraternal leader died last Wednesday in Billings hospital of a kidney ailment. He was hospitalized Oct. 18.

President of the NAPE for over 16 years, Carter, 55, was a power in masonic circles throughout the country. He had been Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and jurisdiction since 1945, a position which placed him at the helm of the Masonic Home for the Aged in Rock Island, Ill.

A native of Bluefield, West Va., Carter migrated to Chicago in 1913 and worked as postal clerk and supervisor for 36 years. During these years he conferred with former President Truman and President Eisenhower in the fight for the rights of postal employees.

He was also a 32nd degree mason and a Shriner, belonging to Arabic Temple No. 44.

Carter's body will lie in state at the Masonic Temple, 4227 Cottage Grove ave., from Sunday until the funeral services are held at Quinn Chapel AME church, 24th and Wabash ave., Monday, Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.

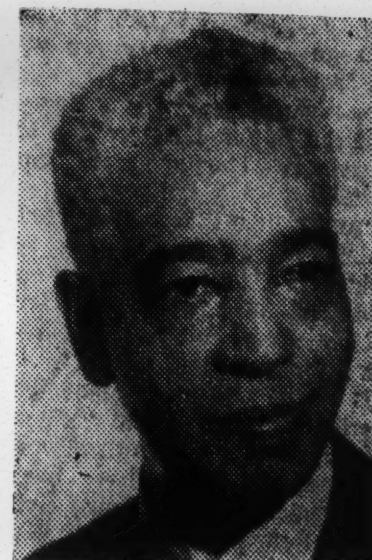
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Audrey Carter, 5633 S. Wabash ave.; a sister, Vivian and a brother, Vernon, all of Chicago.

## Ashby B. Carter, NAPE Chieftain Dies In Chicago

Chicago—America lost one of her most distinguished sons and the nation's Negroes have lost one of their greatest leaders—Ashby B. Carter, president of the National Alliance of Postal Employees and Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Illinois, died at a hospital here on October 28.

Death came to Mr. Carter at 2:25 a.m., after an illness of only ten days. He had suffered, however, from a heart condition. His beloved wife, Mrs. Audrey Carter, was at his side when death came. Mr. Carter was 55 years old.

Son of a poor West Virginia coal



ASHBY B. CARTER

miner, Mr. Carter was educated at Bluefield State Teachers College, Bluefield, West Va., and came later to Chicago where he entered the Postal Service and fraternal life. His rise in both fields was phenomenal, and he soon became the head of the Prince Hall Masons in Illinois.

In 1945, after yeoman service in the ranks in the Chicago Branch of the NAPE, Mr. Carter was elevated to the presidency of the Alliance. Its growth under his leadership has been equally phenomenal and a tribute to his energy and sagacity as a leader.

A firm believer in racial cooperation, and a brilliant progressive mind, Mr. Carter utilized unusual political skill with innate wisdom, and led the fight to vindicate Negro postman caught in the vicious "postal purge" of 1948 and 1949. He was successful in that fight. His vision added stature to the NAPE as well, and he broadened its scope of activities.

Mr. Carter was a friend and confidante of President Eisenhower, and Adlai Stevenson, recent Democratic candidate for President. He was also a close friend of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, and one of his last official acts was to help inaugurate the "mass air mail flights" of 3-cent letters between Washington, New York

President Cobb was married in 1926 to the former Miss Leona Cobb of Richmond, Ky. They have three children, two girls and a boy. Mr. Cobb entered the Postal Service in 1927, and is a clerk in the main post office in Washington. He rose from the ranks in the NAPE, having held just about every local and national office. As NAPE officials in Washington prepared to journey to Chicago to pay their last respects to their Chief,

the new president of the NAPE, a native of Durham, N.C., where he was born Nov. 12, 1903. He attended North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham (then the National Training School), and is a graduate of the Howard University School of Law. President Cobb also maintains law offices at 712 Fifth St., N.W., in Washington.

Funeral services were to be held at Quinn Chapel AME church in Chicago. The Carters had no children. Last year Mr. Carter's mother, Mrs. Mattie Jane Carter, died in Chicago. Later, a brother, died in Billings. Mr. Carter's death was received at NAPE headquarters in Washington, D. C. Cobb, Secretary-Treasurer Votie D. Dixon of Washington gave the eulogy at the funeral.

an atmosphere of shocked sadness over shadowed everything. Mr. Carter's death had come as a great surprise, since he had been expected to "shake off" the illness which caused him to go to the hospital ten days before.





*Courier Post-Ex.*  
DR. MARSHALL TALLEY

*29 Indiana*  
... died to be 74

**Baptist Leader**

*Courier P. & E.*  
**Dr. Talley  
Dead at 74**

*Ind. Post-Ex.*  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Dr. Marshall A. Talley, 74, former dean of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., died in a local hospital here, Thursday, May 7.

Born in Concord, N. C., where he received his early education, Dr. Talley was one of the outstanding preachers of the nation. He pastored churches in North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Pennsylvania, and Indiana.

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Dr. Talley is survived by three brothers, two sisters, two sons, one daughter and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Indianapolis, Tuesday of this week.



# George Freeman

## First Negro Instructor In 57 Years

### Funeral Services In Kansas City For Sociologist

DES MOINES, Iowa. — George Albert Freeman, the first Negro to serve on the faculty of the Iowa State college at Ames, since Dr. George Washington Carver taught botany there 57 years ago, died here Friday morning, May 8, at the Veterans' hospital. He was 40 years old.

Freeman had been an instructor in the economics-sociology department of Iowa State since the fall of 1950, a year after he went there to study towards his doctor's degree in sociology. He would have received his Ph.D. at the June commencement this year.

Death was attributed to hypertension and complications. His illness was related to his service during World War II in Africa, Europe and the Pacific area. He served as a first sergeant in the armed forces for three years, from 1943 to 1946, with the last two years overseas.

The Iowa instructor became ill on March 21 and spent a week in the Mary Greeley hospital in Ames, before he was transferred to the Veterans' hospital here on March 28.

**Buried In Ft. Leavenworth**  
Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 12, in Kansas City, Kas., where Freeman was born and reared. Burial was in the military cemetery at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

After finishing the Summer high school in Kansas City, Kan., Freeman went to Hampton Institute where he spent the school year 1930-31. He then entered the South Carolina State college at Orangeburg, S. C., from where he

received his bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1935.

In both high school and college, Freeman was active in sports, winning letters in football, as an all-end tackle; in basketball, and in track, as a high jumper and 440-yard dash man.

He spent the next few years teaching in rural South Carolina and later became principal of a consolidated school in that state.

For three years before he entered the armed forces, he was employed in the Farm Security administration and in the National Youth Administration.

#### Master's From Manhattan

When he returned home from the army, Freeman entered the Kansas State college at Manhattan from where he received his master's degree in 1949. From there, he went to Ames to work on his doctorate.

Freeman had been at Ames a year when he was invited to take an appointment as an instructor.

How he happened to be offered an instructorship and an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Carver was explained last fall by Dr. Ray Wakeley, veteran professor of sociology at Ames.

"It came in the spring of 1950," he said. "We were growing aware that George Freeman was an outstanding student and specialist in research on sociological matters."

#### Liked His Manner

"Little by little, the various men in the department began to invite him to meet their classes, to serve as a 'guest' lecturer. It worked out very well. The students received Freeman with genuine interest. They liked his manner and material."

"Having been thoroughly tested, Freeman was invited to take an appointment to the instructor staff. He promptly agreed. That was all. There was no fanfare, no special preparation for his students."

"George just walked in, introduced himself and began to teach. The young folks, perhaps a little surprised at first, found he was able and likeable. He has continued to do a fine job."

An indication of Freeman's full acceptance on the campus was his election as the 1951-52 president of Alpha Kappa Delta, the profes-

sional fraternity for sociology seniors, graduate students and faculty members.

#### Met Students Often

Freeman met his 67 students six times weekly, prepared lectures, tests and discussions in between and at the same time worked on his doctor's dissertation on rural sociology.

Commenting on his teaching experience at Ames, Freeman said last fall that he was "amazed" at the reaction of his classes when he first walked before them. "Iowa's youth," he commented, "especially the group that comes here from the rural area, has no awareness of any racial difference these days."

"It see no 'problem' and has neither bias nor prejudice on the subject. Great progress has been made in this field of relationships. We have had lively discussions of races and religions in class, of course, but they have been objective ones, with no over-emphasis."

"But our course of study is not all racial. It covers the rise of culture, from tribal clans to today's society. It even goes into city planning, a wide variety of topics."

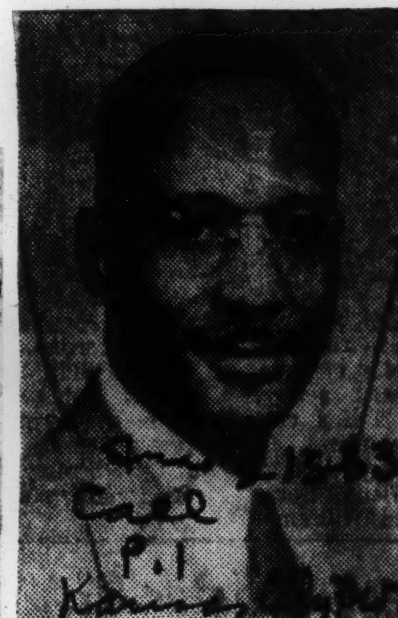
#### Used Own Material

The first Negro on the Ames faculty since 1895, Freeman used textbooks, formal lectures and his own research material to keep discussions in his classes lively and current.

Freeman was a member of the Collegiate Methodist church in Ames, Phi Delta Kappa, the national educational fraternity; the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the Iowa State college sociology club.

His wife, Mrs. Catherine Freeman, was employed in the Ames public library. Before her marriage on Nov. 30, 1939, she was Miss Catherine Claughton of Lexington, Ky.

Besides his wife, Freeman is survived by a brother, Dr. James N. Freeman, head of the department of agriculture at Lincoln university, Jefferson City, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. Madeline Leos of Phoenix, Ariz.



GEORGE A. FREEMAN

### Plan George Freeman Memorial At Ames

AMES, Iowa. — As a memorial to George A. Freeman, sociology instructor at the Iowa State college who died in Des Moines on May 8, the sociology faculty of the college plans to establish a George Albert Freeman shelf in the library.

Friends and admirers of Freeman will contribute to the shelf in his memory.

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## Paola Stores Close During Funeral of Rev. John Rucker, Baptist Minister

PAOLA, Kas. This city closed its downtown stores Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10, during the funeral services of the Rev. John Arthur Rucker, Baptist minister here for 33 years. The white Methodist church where the rites were held, was filled to capacity with both white and Negro citizens gathering to pay their final tribute to a man who was respected and beloved by the general populace.

The Rev. Mr. Rucker died Friday, Feb. 6, of pneumonia after an illness of about two weeks. He had been pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church here since 1919. The minister was born Aug. 2, 1885, in Holly Springs, Miss., one of the 13 children of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Columbus Rucker. He studied for the ministry at Western university in Quindaro, Kas., and pastored there for a short time before he was called to Paola. He also lived in St. Louis for a short time in 1918.

The Rev. Mr. Rucker was widely known throughout the state of Kansas. He had served as president of the Paola Ministers' Alliance and as president of the Miami County Ministers' Alliance. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Rucker was a collector of antiques and owned real estate in Paola and in Quindaro. His wife, Mrs. Fannie Rucker, died in 1934.

The Rev. E. A. Freeman, vice-president of the Kansas Missionary Baptist convention, presided at the funeral services. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. J. W. Hayes of Wichita.

Scripture was read by the Rev. M. J. Smith of Kansas City and prayer was offered by the Rev. L. C. Rice of Kansas City.

Remarks were made by the Rev. Gilbert C. Meyer, the Rev. Robert L. Boyd, the Rev. G. L. Collins and the Rev. E. B. Hicks. Mrs. E. H. Hill sang a solo. Mrs. W. M. Wilkins acknowledged messages of sympathy and the Rev. W. F. Warder read the obituary.

**Bury Former Editor, 69 In Wichita**

WICHITA, Kans. — Funeral

services were held last week for Rev. H. T. Sims, 69, former secretary of the National Baptists Sunday School and BTU congress and editor of the *Negro Star*.

Reverend Sims was a native of Madison, Miss. He came to Wichita 34 years ago from Greenwood, Miss. He was a Baptist officer for 35 years.

Reverend Sims is survived by his widow, Virginia, daughter, Mrs. Helen Johnson of St. Louis, a foster son, Calvin, of Kansas City, Mo., a sister and brother.



# Gomez Delivers Eulogy

**Nine Other Bishops  
Attend K. C. Rites;  
Many Turned Away**

Ten of his fellow bishops and more than 1,000 ministers and laymen paid their final tributes to Bishop John Andrew Gregg at funeral services held Saturday morning, Feb. 28, at the First AME church in Kansas City, Kas.

The three-hour services were filled with praise for the departed senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church who died in Jacksonville, Fla., on February 17 and was brought home to his home state of Kansas for burial. Tributes were paid the deceased leader by 12 speakers before the eulogy was delivered by Bishop Joseph A. Gomez of Waco, Texas, presiding bishop of the 10th Episcopal district, who was like a son to Bishop Gregg.

Bishop D. Ormonde Walker of the fifth Episcopal district, Bishop Gregg's home district, presided.

Other bishops present and participating in the services were Bishop A. J. Allen of Cleveland, Bishop George W. Baber of Detroit, Bishop Sherman L. Greene of Atlanta, who becomes the senior bishop with Bishop Gregg's death; Bishop R. R. Wright Jr., of Philadelphia and the West Indies; Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, retired, of Wilberforce, Ohio; Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of Los Angeles, Bishop W. R. Wilkes of Atlanta and Bishop Noah W. Williams, retired, of St. Louis.

The bishops, along with many general officers, ministers and laymen of the AME church arrived in Kansas City an hour before the funeral was to begin from New Orleans where they had attended the semi-annual session of the bishops' council. They were taken immediately to the First AME church under escort of 10 motorcycle policemen and three highway patrolmen.

The church was filled to capacity and hundreds more who sought to attend the final rites for the beloved bishop were turned away before the funeral hour. Firemen were on hand to prevent



## EULOGY DELIVERED BY BISHOP GOMEZ.—

Bishop Joseph A. Gomez of Waco, Texas, delivered the eulogy at funeral services for Bishop John A. Gregg at the First A.M.E. church in Kansas City, Kas., last Saturday morning. Other bishops shown seated are Bishop R. R. Wright Jr., Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom and Bishop D. Ormonde Walker. Seated in the left foreground are Dr. A. Wayman Ward of Chicago and Col. John A. DeVeaux of the U. S. Army. At the lower right is the Rev. J. Russell Brown, pastor of the First A.M.E. church in Kansas City, Kas.

overcrowding of the building. No one was permitted to stand around the walls or in the doorways.

Early in the services, one section of the crowded balcony was cleared and several hundred persons moved to the first floor because the seating capacity was overtaxed. A report that the persons were moved because a wall had cracked was unfounded, the Rev. J. Russell Brown, First AME pastor, said.

Every seat in the balcony which was open to the public was filled long before the 11 o'clock funeral hour. All of the first floor seats which were not reserved also were filled early. A large part of the first floor was reserved for ministers, presiding elders, bishops' wives, general officers and the Gregg family and close friends.

In his eulogy, taken from St. Matthew 1:1, Bishop Gomez likened John Gregg to John the Baptist of old who came "preaching in the wilderness."

Bishop Gomez called Bishop Gregg "one of the great figures of his day. What he has accomplished from Eureka to Africa to Florida is far above that of the ordinary mortal."

He said that Bishop Gregg never pastored a "big pulpit" and never had a "big church," yet he lived to preach in the largest pulpits of the world.

The eulogist recalled that in 1930 Bishop Gregg preached to thousands in Berlin when he delivered the keynote address to the Eighth World's Christian Endeavor meeting.

Bishop Gregg "did not believe

in crooked paths," Bishop Gomez said, "and he said so. He believed that an unclean ministry made for an unclean church. Some said that he was too easy, too soft, too tolerant. His purpose was not to hurt people. He loved his enemies. But even so, he could become righteously indignant and frequently spoke out against evil and took a firm stand against wrongdoing."

He recalled an incident in 1930 when Bishop Gregg denounced the attitude of the South African government toward the natives. The African government demanded an apology. Bishop Gregg refused to apologize, saying "No, what I have spoken I have spoken."

Bishop Gomez said that Bishop Gregg was never sour nor bitter, but always wore a smile—"the smiling warrior."

"He was a popular man," said the prelate from Texas, "the most popular bishop of his generation. He made friends easily and he kept them. The answer to his overwhelming popularity was that he loved people. He was the living gospel of selflessness." Bishop Gomez said that Bishop Gregg eschewed power and wealth to be a messenger of Christ. He said Bishop Gregg was "completely

free of graft and untouched by the materialistic influences of our day."

"Kansas is proud of its two Johns," Bishop Gomez concluded, "Brown of Osawatomie and Gregg of Eureka."

Tributes were paid to Bishop Gregg by the following representatives members of the AME church: Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, on behalf of the Council of Bishops; by the Rev. F. F. Moten, representing the presiding elders of the fifth Episcopal district; P. G. Porter, on behalf of the laymen of the fifth district; W. B. Stewart, president of the Edward Waters college in Jacksonville, Fla., on behalf of the school of which Bishop Gregg was chancellor; and by Dr. A. Wayman Ward of Chicago, on behalf of the ministry of the AME church.

Representing Bishop Gregg's interests outside the church, the following also paid tribute to the deceased prelate: Lt. Gov. Hall, on behalf of the state of Kansas; Mayor Clark E. Tucker, on behalf of the municipality of Kansas City, Kas.; S. H. Thompson, representing Greek Letter organizations with which the bishop was affiliated; Rep. Myles C. Stevens, member of the Kansas state legislature, who spoke of Bishop Gregg as a citizen; Col. John A. DeVeaux of the army chaplain corps, on behalf of the United States army; and Bishop James A. Hamlett of the Colored Methodist Episcopal church on behalf of sister religious denominations.

The Rev. A. P. Postell read a resolution from the 11th Episcopal district (Florida) of the AME church over which Bishop Gregg presided. The Rev. J. Russell Brown read a resolution from the First AME church in Kansas City, Kas., in which Bishop Gregg maintained his membership all through the years.

The obituary was read by Bishop George W. Baber of Detroit.

Music was provided by the choirs of the First AME church, augmented by singers from other choirs throughout the city. Mrs. Dollie Brown and the Rev. John S. Williams directed.

A solo, "Lead Kindly Light," a favorite of the bishop's, was sung by Raymond Burgin. The Jackson Jubilee Singers sang "Lead Me To the Rock."

Following the services at the church, the body of Bishop Gregg was taken to the Oak Hill cemetery in Lawrence, Kas., where it was buried in the family lot. It is there that his mother, father, brother and first and second wives are buried.

About 50 cars drove in the procession to Lawrence, about 40

miles west of Kansas City. The each end of the casket, holding a The bishop was buried in his adopted daughter, Miss Naomi procession was led all the way by pastoral staff. Six ministers al-Mas-nic apron. He was a 33rd de-Cherot, a teacher at Lincoln high an interracial team of motorcycle tributed as sentinels. The body of Bishop Gregg rest-Western Star lodge No. 1, F. and and nephews, among them Miss were presiding elders and minis-casket top represented Bishop home Friday evening and grave-ville. Gregg's service to his country, side services were held by the Bishop Gregg, who was 76, was Honorary pallbearers were all first in the Spanish-American war Maons in Lawrence. bishops and general church offi- cers and presiding elders of the fifth district. Ministers of the fifth district can fighting men. The casket was the Argonne post No. 217 of the along with Bishop Ransom and the late Bishop A. J. Carey. Bishop funeral services, one standing at as it was carried from the church. Bishop Gregg is survived by his Ransom now is the only surviving



member of his class. Bishop Gregg was married twice. His first wife, Mrs. Celia A. Gregg, died in 1941. His second wife, Mrs. Melberta McFarland, whom he married in December, 1946, died in July, 1950.



**BRING FLAG-DRAPED CASKET FROM CHURCH.**—The casket holding the body of Bishop John A. Gregg was draped with an American flag as it was carried from the First A.M.E.

church following funeral services held Saturday morning. Ministers and presiding elders who served as active pallbearers are shown here bringing the casket down the steps.

## Bishop Gregg To Be Buried In Kansas

### Second Service Slated Saturday For Prelate, 76

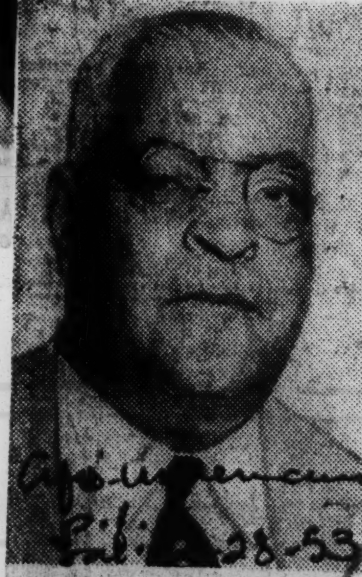
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The body of Bishop John A. Gregg will be buried in the family lot in his native Lawrence, Kansas, beside the bodies of his mother

his father and his first and second wives. The burial in the Lawrence plot will follow a second funeral service to be held in Kansas City, Kan., where the bishop presided for many years, on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the First A.M.E. church. Members of the Bishops Council of the A.M.E. Church will mourn at this service. Bishop Gregg, considered one of the world's most distinguished clergymen, died Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 17, the day before his 76th birthday, in Brewster hospital. He had been hospitalized for five weeks following a serious heart attack in Key West during a church meeting. At the time of his death Bishop George W. Baber of the Fourth Episcopal district officiated. He had been supervising church he had a long and honorable career as a religious leader and as an educator.

**—LONG PROCESSION STARTS TO LAWRENCE.**—At least 40 cars were in the procession which accompanied the body of Bishop John A. Gregg from the First A.M.E. church in Kansas City, Kas., where funeral services were held to his

final resting place in the Oak Hill cemetery in Lawrence, Kas. In this picture, the cars are headed west on Washington Blvd. The two-tone hearse can be seen at the extreme left.

er and as an educator. Ordained as a minister in Emporia, Kan. in 1903, he was elevated to the bishopric in 1924. As an educator he served as president of Edward Waters college, 1913-20 and as president of Wilberforce university, 1920-24. He also served as president of the board of trustees of Payne Theological Seminary.



**BISHOP JOHN A. GREGG**  
Toured War Front

Probably his most famous achievement of his lifetime was his visit to various war fronts in 1943 during World War II. Appointed to this job to build morale in American armed forces by President Franklin D. Roose-

velt, Bishop Gregg through this 10,000 mile tour did much to improve interracial relations. He was considered to be one of the most popular church men among America's GI's during the war. His work in this field probably stemmed from his background as a volunteer for service in the Spanish-American War with the 23rd Kansas Volunteers. He rose to the rank of second lieutenant with this unit.

As a result of his world tour of war fronts, Bishop Gregg was presented the Award of Merit from the secretary of the army in 1947. He represented the Fraternal Council of Churches in America.

Bishop Gregg also was active in numerous other international activities. He served as a missionary to the Union of South Africa, 1903-06 and as bishop to the 17th district of the A.M.E. Church in South Africa, 1924-28.

In 1930, he delivered the keynote address to the Eighth World's Christian Endeavor meeting in Berlin, Germany. He also has worked with the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

### U Of Kansas Graduate

A graduate of the University of Kansas in 1903, Bishop Gregg was cited as an outstanding

alumnus of this school in 1948. For the A.M.E. Church, Bishop Gregg was to begin his second term as president of the Bishops Council, the highest body in the church. He had served as prelate of the 11th district since 1948. Before coming to Florida, he was presiding bishop of the Fifth district, 1938-36, and of the Fourth district, 1936-48.

Bishop Gregg was a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Sigma Pi Phi, and Alpha Phi Alpha. He also was an excellent writer of tracts, his most noted being, "Christian Righteousness" and "Of Men and of Arms."

He was married twice during his lifetime, but both of his wives died. His first wife was the former Celia A. Nelson, whom he married in 1900, and his second was the former Melberta McFarland, whom he married in 1948.

At one time Bishop Gregg was offered a job as president of Howard university, but he turned it down. This was during the time he was president of Wilberforce.

He is survived only by Miss Naomi Cherot, his adopted daughter who teaches in Kansas City, and two nieces and a nephew. He also is survived by a host of cousins.





# Mrs. Emma Clement Active Until End

Widow of Bishop Had Guided  
Seven Children To Prominence

(See Photo On Page 1)

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mrs. Emma Clement, 78, named "Mother of the Year" in 1946 by the American Mothers' Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation of New York City, died at her home here on Friday night.

She was the only person of her race ever to have won that distinct national honor.

Mrs. Clement, the widow of Bishop George C. Clement of the AME Zion Church, had remained active in the civic and religious affairs which brought her national fame, despite illness and the amputation of her right leg last year.

## Livingstone Alumna

Born in Providence, R.I., Mrs. Clement, then Miss Emma C. Williams, attended Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C., where she married the Rev. Mr. Clement on the day of their graduation in 1898.

She was the mother of seven children, all college graduates, one of whom is Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University, and the others of whom all are prominent in education, church and mission fields.

## Other Children

The other children, in addition to Mrs. Jackson and Dr. Rufus Clement, are:

Dr. Frederick A. Clement, professor of physics at West Virginia State College; James A. Clement, recently discharged from the Army Chaplain Corps as a major, who will resume teaching theology at Livingstone; George W. Clement, field director of the American Red Cross in Italy;

Mrs. Ruth Bond, who is the wife of the chief of staff of the Inter-American Educational Foundation in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, and Mrs. Sanders Walker, the youngest.

professor of English at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

In addition, there are seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren, along with 24 in-laws.

The selection of Mrs. Clement was announced by Mrs. David de Sola Pool, chairman of the American Mothers Committee of the Foundation here, and Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N.Y., who held the honor in 1945.

## Reasons for Selection

In announcing the selection, Mrs. Pool declared;

"The committee gives recognition not only to the great personal qualities of Mrs. Clement as a mother of children who are devotedly serving their country and their people, as a partner in her husband's ministry in his lifetime, as a social and community worker in her own right, but it gives recognition also and pays tribute to the great spirit of America.

"Our Republic has struggled through many phases of national development to achieve the freedom, equality and brotherhood which must remain our goals as they are our slogans."

## "Rebel" Casts Vote

Among the votes cast for Mrs. Clement was one by Miss Mary E. Hughes of Louisville, who said:

"I never dreamed I would ever in my life vote for a colored person. But when I saw her record I couldn't be fair and serve on the committee without recognizing it. I'm a rebel of rebels—or I thought I was until this afternoon."

Among the 11 winners of the title "American Mother" have been Mrs. Elias Compton, mother of Nobel Prize winner, and Mrs. Edith Mayo, whose husband founded the Mayo Clinic.

## Headed National Auxiliary

Mrs. Clement also was one of the 18 persons named to the 1946 honor roll of Race Relations for terms of real democracy."

She was a former national president of the Women's Society of the AME Zion Church and was a charter member of the Southern Commission on Interracial Cooperation.



MRS. EMMA CLARISSA CLEMENT, only Negro ever to be named the American "Mother of the Year," died last Friday night in Louisville, Ky., at the age of 78. She was mother of seven children, all college graduates. One son, Rufus E. Clement, is president of Atlanta University. Mrs. Clement was named "Mother of the Year" in 1946 by the American Mothers' committee of the Golden Rule Foundation in New York.

# Was Named Mother of Year in '46

Widow of Zion

Bishop Succumbs

At Age of 78

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement who in 1946 was selected as the American Mother of the Year, died here Friday night, Dec. 26 at her home at the age of 78.

Mrs. Clement was the widow of the late Bishop George C. Clement of the A. M. E. Zion church.

She was the mother of seven children, all of them outstanding in their field of activity. It was on the basis of her outstanding family that she was selected as Mother of the Year, the first Negro so honored by the Golden Rule Foundation of New York.

Mrs. Clement had been in failing health for several years and last year lost her right leg by



MRS EMMA C. CLEMENT

amputation. Nevertheless, she maintained her interest in civic seven children: Dr. Rufus E.

and religious affairs.

Mrs. David De Sola Pool, chairman of the American mothers' committee of the Golden Rule Foundation, in announcing Mrs. Clement's selection for the 1946 honor, said:

"In selecting Mrs. Clement as American mother of 1946, the committee gives recognition notably to the great personal qualities of Mrs. Clement as a mother of children who are devotedly serving their country and their people; as a partner in her husband's ministry in his lifetime, as a social and community worker in her own right; but it gives recognition also and pays tribute to the great spirit of America."

Each year the Golden Rule Foundation chooses some American mother as Mother of the Year. As customary, Mrs. Clement, as the 1946 mother, was flooded with telegrams and messages on Mother's Day in that year.

She went to New York on Mother's Day, May 10, 1946, as the guest of the Foundation and was honored at ceremonies at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel by leaders of many religious and welfare organizations. She spent four days there making public appearances in person and on radio stations.

Accepting the honor bestowed upon her, Mrs. Clement said: "I accept in the name of millions of Negroes in the United States who will be very proud that one of the humblest of their number has been so honored; I do not accept for Negro mothers only, but for all mothers in the United States and all over the world. I feel that it is now time for our arms to encircle the world, remembering those who have been deprived—those who are suffering in this food crisis and those who have given sons and daughters in the war—that we may make them happier."

Mrs. Clement was born in Providence, R. I., the granddaughter of a slave. She was a graduate of Livingstone college, Salisbury, N. C., in 1898. All seven of her children also were graduated from Livingstone.

She was a charter member of the Southern Commission on Interracial Cooperation, was statistician of the Kentucky Federation of Women's clubs, secretary of the Kentucky division of the American Field Army Cancer Society.

Mrs. Clement was a former national president of the Women's society of the A. M. E. Zion church.

Clement, president of Atlanta university; Mrs. Abbie Jackson, executive secretary of the women's home and foreign missionary society of the A. M. E. Zion church; Frederick A. Clement, professor at the West Virginia state college; Mrs. Ruth G. Bond, wife of the director of the Inter-American Education Foundation in Haiti; George W. Clement; Major James A. Clement, former army chaplain; Mrs. Emma C. Walker, professor of English at Tuskegee institute.



# Thousands View Body In State Before Last Rites

Funeral services were slated for 1 p. m. Thursday for Bishop Robert N. Brooks, 65-year-old bishop of the Methodist church, New Orleans area, central jurisdiction, who died suddenly Sunday afternoon at his home in Gulfside Assembly, Waveland, Miss.

Services will be held from the Mt. Zion Methodist church, the Rev. Robert D. Hill, minister. Interment will be at Waveland, Miss.

The funeral oration will be delivered by Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, president of the college of bishops and Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of Chicago will officiate.

Others to assist will be Dr. Julius W. Scott, president of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; Bishop Robert E. Jones, former bishop of the New Orleans area, central jurisdiction; the Rev. Hill, the Rev. W. Talbot Handy, superintendent of the New Orleans area, and others.

The bishop is mourned by more than 115,000 Methodists in the jurisdiction which comprises Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi, and more than 600 ministers.

He was stricken with a heart seizure about 3:30 p. m. Sunday while he was convalescing at his Gulfside home at Waveland. Mrs. Brooks and the servants were the only persons at the bishop's residence at the time of the attack.

He was sitting up at the time of the seizure, friends said, after he had eaten a hearty dinner. Then suddenly he complained of feeling "not too well" and of a "fullness in the chest."

Then he told Mrs. Brooks that he wanted to lie down. By the time that he was prepared for the bed, he had slept away.

A native of Hollis, North Carolina, he was born on May 8, 1888, the son of John and Louvinah Brooks.

He attended the public schools of North Carolina and later attended and received the degree of bachelor of science from Benedict college, and graduated from Gammon Theological Seminary of Atlanta, Ga., where he received the bachelor of divinity degree and the master of arts degree from Northwestern. He did other studies at Oxford university, London, England.

He was married to the former Miss Edith Crogman, Atlanta, Ga., in 1919. No children were born to their union.

He held positions as principal of



Haven Institute, Meridian, Miss.; president of Central Alabama College, Birmingham, Ala.; of Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas; professor of history at Gammon Theological Seminary; pastor of churches in North Carolina; field agent for the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal church; a member of the university senate of the Methodist Episcopal church and served as editor of the Southwest Christian Advocate, the last position he held before he was elected to the bishopric in 1944 at Greensboro, N. C.

His many accomplishments during his tenure of office as a bishop include his leadership in the construction of the new Mt. Zion church at a cost of \$160,000; the Lafon Protestant Old Folks Home

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at a cost of \$125,000, and the People's Methodist Community Center at a cost of \$75,000.

The bishop, who had been ill for several months, had just gone to Waveland, the religious resort on the Gulf of Mexico, which was such a striking phase of this area work. He had been a patient at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., where he had been operated on for gall stones two weeks ago. Doctors there had released him confident that his health would be speedily restored.

## UTES FOR BISHOP ARE ANNOUNCED

Funeral Slated Thursday, Burial in Waveland

Funeral services for Bishop Robert N. Brooks, resident bishop of the New Orleans area, the Methodist Church, central jurisdiction, who died Sunday at Waveland, Miss., will be conducted at 1 p. m. Thursday from the Mt. Zion Methodist church, 2700 Louisiana ave.

Following services for the Negro cleric, interment will be in Gulfside Assembly, Waveland, Miss. The body will lie in state from 7 p. m. Wednesday until time for the funeral at the church.

The 26 superintendents of the area have been named as honorary pallbearers, according to Dr. Robert F. Harrington, area secretary for this area. The Louisiana Undertaking Company, 1449 N. Claiborne, is in charge of details.

A native of North Carolina, Bishop Brooks became a bishop in 1944. He graduated from Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., received his master's degree from Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., and did graduate work at Oxford university.

He came here in 1936 and was editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, published here. He established the Lafon Old Folks Home and the People's Methodist community center here.



BISHOP R. N. BROOKS

## Death Takes Bishop Brooks

HOUSTON — Local Methodist mourned the death of their bishop the Right Reverend R.N. Brooks of the New Orleans area.

Te bishop died Sunday and rites have been set for 1 p. m. Thursday, August 4, at Mt. Zion Methodist Church in New Orleans. The distinguished prelate was recently released from the Mayo Clinic. He had been ailing, almost constantly, since his return from Africa several years ago.

The Church has a tremendous following here in Houston. Its larger churches are Trinity, East Trinity, Mt. Vernon, Sloan Memorial, and St. James. The Reverends C. M. Luster and L. A. Greenwood were with the bishop last week during an Area Conference on Missions.

They were shocked to hear of his death because both of them Bishop Brooks as been presiding over the New Orleans Area for over eight years prior to becoming bishop he was editor of the Christian Advocate, official organ of the Church.

Bishop Brooks was also a former professor of Church History at Gammon's Theological Seminary in Atlanta, and was a president of Samuel Huston College at Austin.



BISHOP BROOKS

## DR. BROOKS IS DEAD; METHODIST BISHOP

New Orleans Prelate, Former College President, Had Led Social Action Federation

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 4—Dr. Robert Nathaniel Brooks, resident Bishop of the New Orleans area, the Methodist Church, central jurisdiction, died Sunday at Waveland. The Negro prelate, who came to New Orleans in 1936, established the Lafon Old Folks Home and the People's Methodist Community Center here.

Dr. Brooks was elected a bishop of the Methodist Church in 1944, after having served as head of several colleges. In 1915 he had been ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was merged in 1939 with two other branches of the denomination in this country into the Methodist Church. After serving as secretary of the board of Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church for two years, Dr. Brooks became president in 1921 of Haven Teachers College, Meridian, Miss. A year later he was made president of the Central Alabama College, Birmingham, Ala., and soon afterward was chosen head of Samuel Huston College, Austin, Tex.



In 1926 Dr. Brooks became professor of church history at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, serving for ten years. Then he was editor of The Central Christian Advocate, a church weekly published in New Orleans, until his election as Bishop.

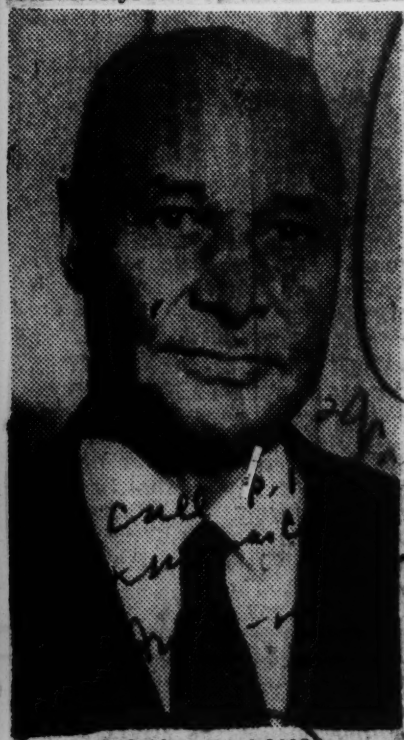
#### Served on Education Board

Later he became a member of the board of education of the Methodist Church and chairman of its committee on Negro education. His other posts included the vice presidency of the board of Dillard University, New Orleans.

At times Dr. Brooks had served as president of the College of Bishops of Central Jurisdiction and as chairman of the Membership Board of Lay Activities. From 1947 to 1949 he was president of the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

In 1947 Bishop Brooks was elected by the Council of Bishops of his church to review and appraise its work in Africa and South America, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Brooks, who was born in Hollis, N. C., studied at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., Gammon Theological Seminary, Northwestern University, Union Theological Seminary here and Oxford University.



BISHOP BROOKS

## Methodist Prelate To Sudden End

### Heart Attack Fatal At Home At Gulfside, Miss.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Bishop Robert N. Brooks, 65, bishop of the New Orleans area of the Methodist Episcopal church, died Sunday, Aug. 2, at 3:30 p.m. at his Gulfside home in Waveland, Miss., from a sudden heart attack.

The bishop, who had been ill for several months, had just gone to Gulfside, the religious resort on the Gulf of Mexico which had been developed by him and which was such a striking phase of his work in this area.

On Sunday morning, Bishop Brooks walked from his home down to the seawall with his wife. Early in the afternoon, they had dinner as usual. Shortly before his death, Bishop Brooks began to complain of a heaviness in his chest. In a few minutes he was dead.

Earlier this summer, Bishop Brooks went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he was operated on for gall stones. Doctors there had released him, confident that his health would be speedily restored.

Funeral services were to be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, August 6, at the Mt. Zion Methodist church, in New Orleans with Bishop Matthew W. Clair of the St. Louis area officiating.

The eulogy was to be delivered by Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta. Also participating were Bishop Edgar A. Love of Baltimore and Bishop Robert E. Jones of Mississippi.

Bishop Brooks was ordained a deacon in 1912, an elder in 1917, served as a pastor in North Carolina and edited the Central Christian Advocate. His teaching experience included Gammon Seminary at Atlanta. He later served as president of three colleges, Haven Teacher's college, Central Atlanta college and Samuel Huston college.

One of the outstanding members of the Methodist Episcopal church and recognized as one of the most

scholarly men on the bench of bishops, Bishop Brooks had devoted his life to the ministry.

He was born in Cleveland County, N. C., and received his education at Atlanta university where he took the B.D. degree, Northwestern university where he received the M.A., Garrett Biblical Institute which conferred upon him the B.D. He had received honorary degrees from Union Theological Seminary and Oxford university.

Bishop Brooks was elevated to the bishopric in the Methodist church in 1944, at the Central jurisdictional conference held in Greensboro, N. C. Just prior to his election, he served as editor of the Southern Christian Advocate.

He made special trips in 1947 and 1948 to Africa and South America where he observed the missionary work being carried on by his church. He had been honored through presiding at sessions of the quadrennial conference of his church and his counsel was sought by members of the bench of bishops.

Bishop Brooks was ill when the general conference of his church convened in San Francisco in 1952, but recovered sufficiently to hold his annual conferences. In May of this year, he attended the Bishop's council session in Omaha.

The bishop is survived by his wife, Mrs. Robert N. Brooks, the former Edith Crogman of the Crogman family of Atlanta, whom he married in 1919.

Bishop and Mrs. Brooks stopped in Kansas City for a day on their way to Omaha in May to the Methodist bishops' council session. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Franklin. Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Brooks are sisters. At that time, both Bishop and Mrs. Brooks looked extremely well.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin were at a mountain resort in Luray, Va., when they learned of the death of Bishop Brooks. Mrs. Franklin left immediately for New Orleans.

## A Distinct Loss To The Community

BISHOP Robert N. Brooks, one of the titans of the Methodist church as well as of the race, passed from the religious scene on last Sunday.

Bishop Brooks' life is the story of a man who gave himself unstintingly. A story of a man who projected himself into the problems of his community. No task was too small or too large for his undertaking. On numerous occasions he has made self sacrifices in order that others may enjoy the fruits of God's blessings.

From the moment of his death . . . early Sunday afternoon . . . until his remains were finally interred in Waveland, Mississippi, the city and the whole jurisdiction, reverberated with stories about the man who had walked with God doing good for his fellowman.

Elected to the bishopric in 1944 at Greensboro, North Carolina, Bishop Brooks returned to the central jurisdiction seat here in New Orleans and immediately began striving to alleviate the deplorable conditions that existed here and throughout the states of his jurisdiction.

One of the first acts as a Bishop was to denounce bias practiced in the Methodist churches. Among other notable achievements were: his leadership in the construction of the new Mount Zion church at a cost of \$160,000; renovation of the Lafon Protestant Old Folks Home at a cost of \$125,000, aiding in the construction of the People's Community Center at a cost of \$75,000, and aiding in the vast improvement of the religious and recreational center at Gulfside Assembly.

The city of New Orleans and the central jurisdiction has suffered a great loss in the passing of the late Bishop Robert N. Brooks, for truly he served well.

As one writer so aptly put it, "Service—selfless service—is the keynote of Brotherhood. Every gesture of service to others, every kindness toward a fellow human being, every moment given for the benefit of others, every sacrifice made, moves us ever closer to the happy day when we shall be able to live together successfully."

We, along with thousands of others do hope that the things Bishop Brooks gave

## Mrs. M. Jones buried in La.

Wife of Grambling college president

GRAMBLING, La. — (ANP) — Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred S. Jones, wife of President R. W. E. Jones of Grambling college and noted church and civic leader, were held last week in St. Benedict church here. Interment was in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery in La-Fayette.

Mrs. Jones died earlier in the week at Ruston hospital. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Officiating at the services were the Very Rev. Eligius Weir, provincial of Sacred Heart Province, St., celebrant of the mass; the Rev. Patrick O'Brien pastor of Our Lady of Succor church, Bastrop, deacon, and the Rev. Severin Nelles, pastor of St. Thomas church, Ruston, acted as sub-deacon and delivered the sermon.

#### Taught At Grambling

Mrs. Jones had been a member of the Grambling college community for some 22 years. She came here in September 1931 as a teacher. Later she was appointed Jeanes supervisor in Lincoln parish and held that position until 1939, when she resigned from active school work to devote full time to her family and home.

One of her most singular contributions as a civic and religious worker was directing a campaign for funds for the building of St. Benedict church here.

A member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Mrs. Jones served as first president of the Grambling chapter and spearheaded local career day and student loan fund.

Besides President Jones, survivors include: Two sons, Ralph and John; her father, Arthur Shary of LaFayette; one sister and three brothers.

his last full measure of devotion, will not have been in vain



## FOUND IN GAS-FILLED ROOM:

# Funeral services held for Dr. Brady, Thursday

CAMBRIDGE, Md.—More than 300 persons attended funeral services for Dr. St. Elmo Brady Sr., assistant president of Fisk University, and prominent southern athletic official, at Bethel AME Church here Thursday.

Dr. Brady, local physician, died early Tuesday morning after an explosion wrecked the kitchen of his gas-filled home, Monday.

Three days before his death the well-known physician was arrested by U. S. Narcotics agents on charges of illegally selling narcotics.

Federal officers said that he was trapped by the use of marked money.

As soon as the money and narcotics were exchanged, agents led by Boyd Martin, district supervisor of the Narcotics Bureau, stalked into the doctor's office and made the arrest.

After an arraignment before U.S. Commissioner Lewis C. Merryman, Dr. Brady was released in \$1,000 cash bail pending a hearing in early September.

At the time of his arrest the young physician had \$1,262 in cash on his person. Nine hundred dollars of that sum was in \$100 bills, agents said.

After his release on bail, Dr. Brady resumed his normal duties and visited several of his patients.

Approximately 3,500 people of both races viewed his body as it lay in state in the Sinclair Funeral home all day Wednesday.

On Friday, Aug. 28, grave-side services were held at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Washington, where he will be buried.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Felicia Brady, two daughters, and his father, Dr. St. Elmo Brady Sr., assistant president of Fisk University, and prominent southern athletic official.

**Found On Kitchen Floor**  
Dr. Brady was found lying on the kitchen floor by neighbors who hurried to his house after hearing the explosion.

All the windows were closed and the unlit gas burners on the kitchen stove were turned on full blast.

While terming the doctor's death an "Apparent suicide," Chief of Police Grayson Price announced that no official verdict will be given until Dr. Russell Fischer, Medical Examiner of Baltimore, performs an autopsy requested by Dr. John Mace, local Medical Examiner.

Funeral services were preached by the Rev. H. B. Barclay, pastor of the Bethel AME church. Other ministers attending were Presiding Elder R. L. Tillery, Eastern AME district, the Revs. E. A. Light and J. R. Shockley.

**Friends Accompany Father**  
Dr. Brady Sr., was accompanied to his son's funeral by a large contingent from Tennessee, home state of Fisk University.

Dr. Bernard Harris Jr., who interned at Provident Hospital with Dr. Brady, was also present.

The popular young physician belonged to the Elks, Masons, Business and Professional Men's Club of Cambridge, and was president of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, graduate chapter at Maryland State.

**Blast Shakes House**  
Early Monday morning, a tremendous blast shook his house, located in the 500 block High st., extended. Neighbors called police.

When police entered the house they found Dr. Brady unconscious on the kitchen floor. The windows in the house were closed and all gas burners on a kitchen range were turned on full blast.

The doctor was rushed to the Cambridge Maryland hospital where Dr. M. Wilson pronounced his condition as "serious."

Police theorize that the explosion was caused when gas escaping from the unlit burners was ignited by a pilot light on a hot water heater.

**Find Note On Table**  
On a kitchen table was found a note, but police would not divulge its contents.

According to Police Chief Grayson W. Price, however: "Everything points to an apparent suicide."

"The gas burners were turned on, unlit, and the house was filled with gas. The resultant explosion did a lot of damage to the house."

When Boyd Martin, who led the arrest of Dr. Brady, was informed of the apparent suicide attempt by the AFRO, he stated: "You know we take especial pains in cases of this type to caution or protect against professional men taking their life," declared Mr. Martin.

"But Dr. Brady didn't seem too excited. I remember consoling him that he shouldn't worry too much about it. A lot of doctors, white and colored, get caught in this narcotics web."

**BALTIMORE**  
Funeral services for Ernest H. Hays, former acting director of music at Hampton Institute in Virginia, were held at Sharp Street Memorial church Saturday at 1 p.m.

The son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Daniel S. Hays, former pastor of Sharp Street, Mr. Hays died Nov. 9 at the Fort Howard Veterans hospital.

Mr. Hays was appointed to the staff at Hampton in 1923 and retired in 1950. While there, he contributed to the career of concert singer Dorothy Maynor. At Hampton he served as organist, assistant choir master, and head choirmaster.

He received his early professional training at the New England Conservatory of Music and was awarded his bachelor of music degree at Boston university.

Mr. Hays received his music supervisor's certificate from Boston U. and gained admittance to the American Guild of Organists.

He also studied at Eastman School of Music, Harvard, New York university, and Westminster College.

He was a member of the National Conference of Music Educators, the National Association of Music Teachers, the National Guild of Piano Teachers, and the Tidewater Musicians Guild.

Mr. Hays is survived by two brothers, William S. and Dr. Clarence A. Hays; two sisters, Miss Ella G. Hays and Mrs. Fannie H. Hall; and four nephews, Charles, John, William, and



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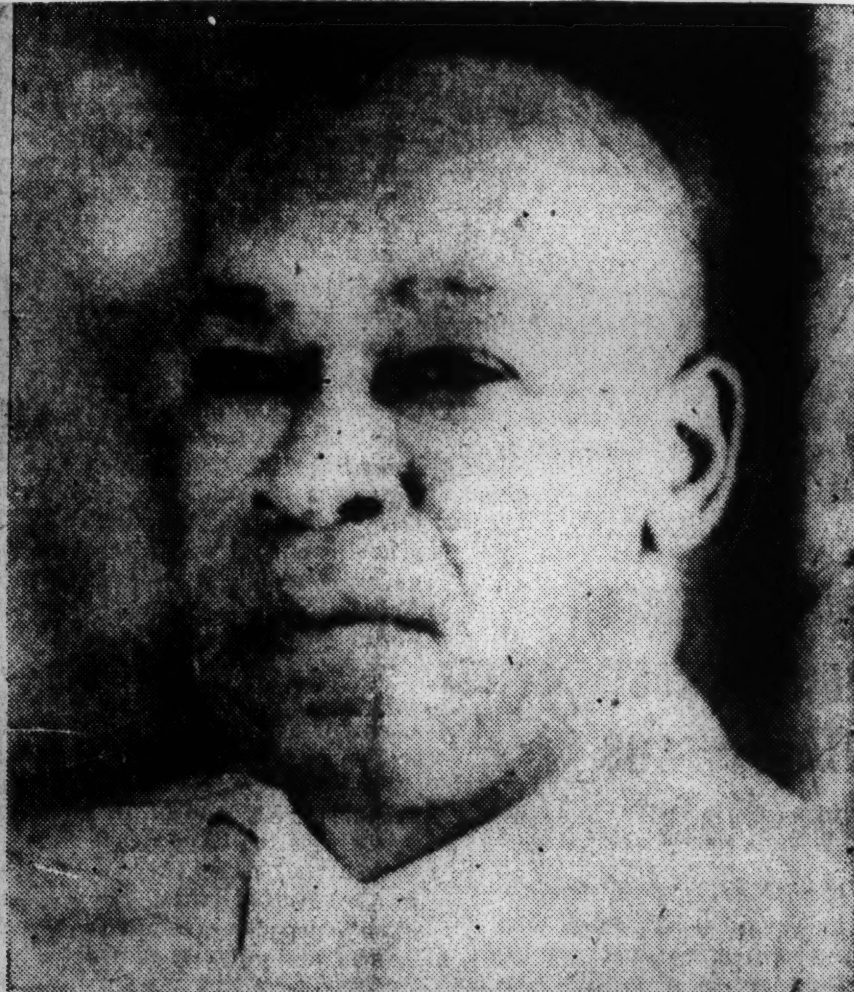
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Daniel Hays. Interment will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.





years as prelate of the Eighth Episcopal district which embraces Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia.

A native of Marion, S. C., Bishop Davis attended Allen university in Columbia, S. C., Drew Seminary in Madison, N. J., Howard university and Columbia university where he received his master's degree. *Ch-2-13-53*

He served his first pastorate in Winnsboro, S. C., later transferred to the New Jersey conference and in 1912 he moved to the Baltimore conference where he served four churches in Washington and Baltimore over a period of 16 years.

In 1928, he was elected bishop at the General Conference in Chicago and was given an assignment in Africa. For 16 years he served as bishop of the Second Episcopal district and during this period he became involved in administration difficulties which resulted in his suspension.

The suspension was subsequently lifted and Bishop Davis reinstated and in 1947 he was appointed to the Eighth Episcopal district which his father-in-law, Bishop W. W. Beckett, had also presided over for four years.

Immediate survivors include his wife, Mrs. Catherine B. Davis, to whom he had been married 43 years and two daughters, Mrs. Mary G. Lewis of Omaha, Nebr., and Mrs. Milbourne Brown of Baltimore.

## Bishop Davis Laid to Rest

By CARTER JEWELL

BALTIMORE, Md. (ANP)—Bishop Monroe H. Davis of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, died in his sleep at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Saturday, Feb. 7. He had been in the hospital seven weeks. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Those who survive him include his widow, Mrs. Catherine B. Davis; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Glenn Davis, Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Milburn Martha Brown, Baltimore; three sisters and four grandchildren.

INTERMENT WAS in Mount Zion Cemetery, Baltimore.

Bishop Davis was born in Marion County, S. C., and was the son of the late Monroe and Mrs. Judy Davis. *2-21-53*

Bishop Davis had charge of the Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church for sixteen years. He was assigned to West Africa for four years.



BISHOP M. H. DAVIS

*He died in his sleep*

## Funeral Services For Dr. Ethel Nixon Slated On Tuesday

Funeral services for Dr. Ethel Nixon Mounsey have been slated at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Calvary Protestant Episcopal church 6th and I sts. Washington, with interment to follow at Woodlawn cemetery.

Her body is to lie in state at McGuire's chapel from 3 p.m. Monday, until it is removed to the church for the final rites.

BALTIMORE, MD., FEB. 10 — (Special) — Bishop W. H. Davis of the African Methodist Episcopal Church died here Sunday, February 8th. Funeral arrangements were incomplete today. Bishop Davis served his last active tenure as Bishop of the Eighth Episcopal District comprising the states of Mississippi and Louisiana.

# Bishop Davis Of A.M.E. Church Dies In Sleep

## End Comes To Prelate at Johns Hopkins Hospital

BALTIMORE, Md. — Bishop Monroe H. Davis of the African Methodist Episcopal church died Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Bethel in his sleep Saturday morning A.M.E. church, with burial in Feb. 7, at Johns Hopkins hospital Mount Zion cemetery. Bishop Davis served for four

for seven weeks. The bishop had been living in Baltimore since, May, 1952, when the General Conference granted him a leave of absence because of ill health.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Bethel A.M.E. church, with burial in Mount Zion cemetery. Bishop Davis served for four

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## Brilliant Psychiatrist Succumbs



Dr. Ethel L. Nixon, for the past year a psychiatrist at the Crownsville (Md.) State Hospital for the Insane, who died in Washington on Sunday morning. Dr. Nixon was the wife of Frank E. Mounsey, a D. C. businessman, and is the mother of three little girls. She received her medical training at Howard and New York universities and her psychiatric training at famed Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore.

old and was considered to be the District's youngest woman physician.

### Volunteer Psychiatrist

The same year that she was appointed psychiatrist at Freedmen's, she enrolled in the Washington School of Psychiatry and became a volunteer psychiatrist in the Washington Department of Mental Hygiene. After that she had a year's residency at Gallinger Hospital here where she was the first of her race to serve as a resident physician.

Her appointment to Hopkins followed this residency and despite the fact that she had to commute from Washington to Baltimore five days a week for eight hours of office and clinical work daily, Dr. Nixon continued to attend the Washington School of Psychiatry.

In private life Dr. Nixon was the wife of Frank Mounsey, Washington real estate man and the mother of three daughters. She attributed much of her success to her husband because of his "understanding and co-operation."

Dr. Nixon's other activities included membership in the D.C. Board of Public Welfare; on the board of directors of the YWCA and the Washington chapter of the Girl Friends of which she was president at one time.

(Md.) State hospital for the Insane. A Washingtonian, Dr. Nixon was appointed assistant in psychiatry and assistant psychiatrist in the out patient department at Hopkins on July 1, 1950.

### Graduate Of Howard

A graduate of Howard University in 1934 and of N.Y.U. Dr. Nixon was interested in gynecology and obstetrics at that time. She interned at Freedmen's Hospital where she later became a staff member. Dr. Nixon's basic interest in preventative medicine led her to study psychiatry and its trends, and in 1949 she was appointed psychiatrist at Freedmen's.

Dr. Nixon hung out her shingle here when she was 26 years

## Dr. Nixon, Famed Psychiatrist, Dies

First Of Her Race To Join Hopkins Staff; Mother Of 3

WASHINGTON — Dr. Ethel Nixon Mounsey, nationally known psychiatrist and the first of her race to join the Johns Hopkins' psychiatric staff, died at her home here Sunday morning of a rare blood ailment. She was taken ill a month ago and had had frequent blood transfusions. For the past year, Dr. Nixon, as she was known professionally, had been director of psychiatric education at Crownsville

## Mrs. Sayde George, Former Barrett School Head, Dies

the administrative post at the Barrett school.

### BALTIMORE

First director of the Barrett school for Girls in Glen Burnie, when it was established in 1933. Mrs. Sadye D. George was killed in an automobile accident Sunday, in Cincinnati, O.

Affectionately known to her teen-age charges and staff members as "Ma George," Mrs. George served Barrett School for eight years, resigning in August, 1945. She was a widow.

A native of Somerset, O. Mrs. George was a graduate of Wilberforce University. Following her graduation, she held a variety of jobs including newspaper work, rent collection theatre cashier, and schoolteacher.

### Duke Family Employee

But her interest in social work was developed when she served as household supervisor of the wealthy J. B. Duke tobacco family in Charlotte, N.C.

Having had limited recreational activities for the Duke servants, she became interested in the local YWCA and was instrumental in getting Mr. Duke to make a \$2,000 gift to the institution.

After Mr. Duke's death, Mrs. George took a social work course at the Bishop Tuttle School in Raleigh, doing practice training at the Janie Porter Barrett School in Virginia.

### Reformatory Assistant

Traveling then to Minneapolis, she worked with Miss W. Gertrude Brown who headed the

**DIES**—Mrs. Sayde George, who was first director appointed to the Barrett School for Girls, was instantly killed after an auto accident, Sunday, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. George served as head of Barrett from its opening in 1933 until she resigned August 1, 1945. Before going to Barrett she was assistant at the New Jersey State Reformatory for Women. She was a native of Somerset, Ohio, and a graduate of Wilberforce University.



Phyllis Wheatley Settlement House.

Then she became an assistant at the New Jersey State Reformatory for Women. She remained there until 1933 when she came to Maryland to take



# Dr. Fuller Dies In Mass.

## Noted Psychiatrist Came From Liberia

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. — Dr. Solomon C. Fuller, 80, prominent psychiatrist and professor emeritus of neurology at Boston University School of Medicine, died recently at Framingham Union Hospital, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at St. Andrew Episcopal Church and attended by prominent doctors and laymen from Boston and other parts of the state.

One of the earliest investigators of senile dementia, Dr. Fuller was pathologist at Westboro State Hospital from 1904 to 1920 and professor of neurology at Boston U. from 1909 to 1932.

### Native Of Liberia

He also served as consultant psychiatrist at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital and other hospitals in this state and in Pennsylvania. 1-31-53

Dr. Fuller, a resident here for 35 years, was born in Liberia, coming to this country at the age of 17. He completed his studies at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C., in 1893, and received his medical degree from Boston U. in 1897.

After his appointment at Westboro, Dr. Fuller took a leave of absence to study at the University of Munich and at the medical laboratories of Germany. Upon his return to Westboro, he conducted original research in Alzheimer's disease.

### Honored At Livingstone

He was a member of the Boston Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, Massachusetts Psychiatric Association, New England Society of Psychiatry and the American Psychiatric Association.

At the 50th reunion of Livingstone College in 1943, Dr. Fuller was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Science. In 1907, he married the former Meta V. Warwick of Philadelphia, a sculptress, who had studied in Paris under the famous Rodin and had exhibited many of her works there.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons: Thomas and Solomon, of Framingham, Perry of New York, and six grandchildren.





**MOTHER OF JOE LOUIS DIES.**—Mrs. Lillie Brooks, 69, mother of Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion of the world, died Sunday night in Detroit, of a heart attack following several weeks' illness. Here Mrs. Brooks is shown in her Detroit home listening to a broadcast of one of her famous son's fights. The radio accounts were her closest contact with Joe's ring battles. Mrs. Brooks was the mother of 18 children. Her native home was in Lexington, Ala., where the future champion was born on May 13, 1914.

## Joe Louis' Mother Dies in Detroit

DETROIT:—(INS)—Funeral services were being planned Monday for Mrs. Lillie Barrow Brooks, mother of Former Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis.

Mrs. Brooks died in Detroit Sunday night at the age of 69 from a heart condition and high blood pressure.

Louis had visited her only an hour before her death and prom-

ised to return Monday to take her for an auto ride.

He flew from New York to Detroit Friday to be near her.

Mrs. Brooks was the widow of an Alabama tenant farmer and had re-married and moved to Michigan.

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"I want Joe to get him some money and quit the fight business."

Besides the ex-champion, she is survived by three other sons and four daughters.

## Mother Of Joe Louis Dies In Detroit

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## Mother Of Joe Louis Dies At Detroit Home

DETROIT—(INS)—Mrs. Lillie Barrow Brooks, mother of former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, died last night in Detroit at the age of 69.

Death was attributed to a heart condition and high blood pressure.

Her famous son, Joe, had visited her only an hour before her death, promising to get her a new car for an auto drive.

Mrs. Brooks had been staying with a daughter since she was released from a hospital where she had been treated for a recurrent heart disorder. Joe had flown to Detroit Friday from New York to be near her.

Mrs. Brooks was the widow of an Alabama tenant farmer and had remarried and moved to Michigan where Joe was born.

In all Joe's ring battles, his mother had watched five, and in 1935 she was quoted as saying: "I want Joe to get him some money and quit the fight business."

Besides Joe, she is survived by three sons and four daughters.

## HEART AILMENT TAKES MRS. LILLIE BARROW BROOKS, JOE LOUIS' MOTHER, IN DETROIT

Deceased Wanted Son to Be a Musiican And Never Liked His Fight Career

BROWN BOMBER NOT AT DEATH BED

DETROIT — (ANP) — Mrs. Lillie Barrow Brooks, mother of the famed Brown Bomber, Joe Louis, died here Sunday night after suffering several months of illness because of a heart ailment. She was 69 years of age.

Her great boxing son was not at her bedside when she passed.

She died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Emmarell Davis, on Sunday night after Joe had left her to discuss her condition with physicians.

Although her son is considered by many to have been the greatest fighter of all times, Mrs. Brooks wanted him to become a great musician. He was taking violin lessons at the time he decided to take on a boxing career.

Mrs. Brooks saw her son fight only five times. After each one of his history-making battles, she always told reporters:

"I want Joe to get some money and quit the fight business."

Joe's violin lessons were disrupted when he was a teen-ager because one day he happened to run into a fighter, Thurston McKinney, whom he idolized. McKinney took him to a gymnasium where Joe displayed his fists (informally of course) for the first time. After that incident it was boxing and no music for Joe.

Joe's mother first became ill in September and was admitted to Woman's hospital where she was treated for a heart condition. After showing great improvement she left the hospital and returned to her home, an attractive East Side house purchased for her by Louis.

A week ago she moved to the home of Mrs. Davis. Her death was attributed to high blood pressure and a heart condition.

During her illness, the Brown Bomber frequently visited his mother, flying in from engagements in various parts of the coun-

His mother was born in Lafayette, La. She moved to Detroit with her eight children, including Joe, in 1925. She was the widow of a tenant farmer when she moved north. In the Motor City she married Pat Brooks.

Joe Louis was her youngest son. He dropped his last name, Barrow, when he embarked on his ring career.

Besides Joe and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Brooks is survived by six other children, 34 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



Mrs. L. C. Jefferson

# Veteran Vicksburg Businesswoman Dies

VICKSBURG, Miss. — Mrs. Lucy C. Jefferson, owner of the Jefferson Funeral Home and the Jefferson Burial Association, and one of Vicksburg's most prominent colored citizens, died at a local hospital early this morning after a short illness. Born in Jackson, Miss., nearly eighty-seven years ago, she was reared in this city and became nationally prominent for her fraternal, civic, religious and philanthropic activities.

The deceased was the widow of W. H. Jefferson Jr., first Negro ever to engage in the funeral business in Mississippi, and continued in the active management of the business until her death.

She was president of the Vicksburg Ladies Union 5, matron of Rose of Sharon Chapter 24, O.E.S.; high priestess of Love and Truth, Tabernacle 100, Knights and Daughters of Tabor; past worthy matron of the Silver Seal Court, Heroines of Jericho; member of the Court of Calanthe, the Household of Ruth, the Christian Home Society 1, the United Stars of Mississippi, the Pleas-

ant Valley Burial Society and other organizations. Only recently the deceased was a co-chairman of the Capitol Funds Drive for the Jackson Street Branch YMCA. At the time of her death, she was a trustee, stewardess and president of the Missionary Society of Bethel AME Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Zella J. Lewis of Chicago; a foster-daughter-niece, Lula J. DeYoung of Chicago; a cousin, E. R. Reynolds of this city; six nephews, William L. Wright, Cecil R. Jefferson, George L. Jefferson, William H. Jefferson III, James E. Jefferson and Robert J. Jefferson; four nieces, Tillie J. Gary, Frances Bradford of this city, Eloise Mickley of Detroit and Lucy A. Jefferson of Chicago, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 P. M. at the Bethel

AME Church, with the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Thornton, officiating. Burial was in the City Cemetery, with the Mississippi Colored Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association in charge.

## NAACP Mourns Death Of Robert F. Wagner

NEW YORK — In the death of former Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, the nation lost "one of the truly great Americans of the Twentieth Century," Walter White, executive NAACP secretary, said in a telegram of condolence to the son of the late champion of civil rights. Mr. Wagner died on May 4 after a long illness.

# Mrs. Alice Laws Tanner Dies, Served Alcorn A&M 45 Years



MRS. ALICE TANNER.

ALCORN, Miss. — Mrs. Alice Laws Tanner, instructor in arts and Dean of Women, emerita, died last week at Alcorn A. and M. College, where she has served for forty-five years. Mrs. Tanner came to Alcorn College in January, 1908, as a sewing teacher. At that time certificates in sewing, cooking and nursing were issued to students because there was no college department of home economics. In 1935, Mrs. Tanner became Dean of Women; in 1945, she was an assistant to freshman girls; in 1946, she was made hostess to Belle-Lettres, a faculty department.

Mrs. Tanner met her husband, H. T. Tanner, at Alcorn, where he had been employed as professor of horticulture since 1904. They were married in 1922. Since his death in

1932, she has resided alone on the campus.

In 1952, construction of a wing to Harmon Hall, a women's dormitory, was authorized by the board of trustees. Upon the recommendation of the president of the college, this building is to be named Alice Laws Tanner Hall.

Mrs. Tanner was a member of the Bethel AME Church, Vicksburg, Miss.; the Aimwell Club at Alcorn; the State Teachers' Association; the Home Economics Organization; the Mississippi Federation of Colored Women, and the Deans of Women's Association.

## Mrs. Tanner, Noted Alcorn Dean, Buried

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. — Funeral services were held here last week for Mrs. Alice L. Tanner, dean of women emerita of Alcorn A and M college, who served at the institution for nearly a half century.



Mrs. Tanner Special tribute has been paid to her by members of the faculty including Alice Brown Smith, Ruth Rowan Saunders and Jane Carriener who were among her close associates. She was also a favorite among the student body apparently for her unusual understanding of their problems.

## Hold Rites For Miss. Educator

PRENTISS, Miss. — Prominent persons from all parts of the state and nation attended the funeral of Prof. J. E. Johnson, distinguished educator and founder of Prentiss Normal and Industrial Institute.

He was a native of Pike county in this state and was buried on high ground on the premises of the institution he founded.

Following his graduation from Alcorn college he served as principal of Magnolia public school four years. The following year he founded Prentiss Normal in 1907 and enjoyed the success of the institution until the time of his death.

Surviving the well known educator are his wife, Mrs. Bertha LeBlanc Johnson; two sons, Prof. A. L. Johnson of the institute; Attorney Onette Johnson of Chicago; a daughter, Mrs. Eva Johnson Dawson of Houston, Texas, and one brother, T. L. Johnson, principal of Mound Bayou, Miss., high school.

## People From Every Section Of The State Gather To Pay Final Respects To Professor J. E. Johnson

Prentiss, Miss., Nov. 23. — (Spe-

The active pallbearers were graduates of Prentiss Institute: S. L. Richmond '39, A. J. Godbolt '26, Hollis G. Price '36, Rev. A. G. Payton '49, Vasco Bridges '38, and L. V. Powell '33.

The honorary pallbearers were: Rev. R. A. Scott, Prof. J. D. Boyd, Rev. J. C. Burris, U. S. Polk, W. C. McLeod, E. J. Johnson, and Rev. E. Prentiss.

Prof. Anselm J. Finch, Master of Ceremony.

Every section of the state and nation gathered here Monday morning to pay a final tribute of respect to Prof. J. E. Johnson, who died last Friday, Nov. 19, at a hospital in Brookhaven, Miss., of heart failure. He was 74 years old. His death was attributed to complications resulting from his advanced age.

The passing of Prof. Johnson, a pioneer in the establishment of the simple funeral home, was a great loss to the state and nation.



B. Blackmon.

Prof. Johnson was a native of Pike County, Miss. He attended Alcorn College from which he graduated with honor in the class of 1902. Following his graduation from Alcorn College he served for four years as principal of the Magnolia public school. In the spring of 1907 he founded Prentiss Normal and Industrial Institute to the success of which he devoted the remainder of his life.

The survivors include his wife, two sons, Prof. A. L. Johnson, Dean of the Institute; Atty. Onette W. Johnson, of Chicago; a daughter, Mrs. Eva Dawson Johnson, of Houston, Tex.; a brother, T. L. Johnson, principal Mound Bayou, Miss., high school.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of Johnson's Funeral Home of Prentiss, and Enterprise Funeral Home, of Jackson.



## Rites Thursday For J. W. Evans

Funeral services for John Williams Evans, 76, 27 years principal of Lincoln Elementary school and one of the community's most distinguished educators, will be held here Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Gates' Funeral Home, 4107 Finney avenue. Burial will be in Marcellus, Mich.

Mr. Evans, a noted educator and civic leader of the country, died early Wednesday morning at Homer G. Phillips' hospital.

The noted educator paid for his own education by working as a cowhand, about the Pullman porter, following his birth in a log cabin in Indiana. Losing his parents early in life, Mr. Evans was living proof of "up by his bootstraps." He retired from the St. Louis Public School system in 1947.

A critic of modern educational methods, which he termed "too everlastingly easy," he was cited by Superintendent of Instruction Philip J. Hickey as a man who left an "everlasting imprint" on education here.

Mr. Evans was one of eight persons awarded certificates by the American Teachers Association in 1940 for having made the most meritorious and significant contributions to the cause of Negro education in this country.

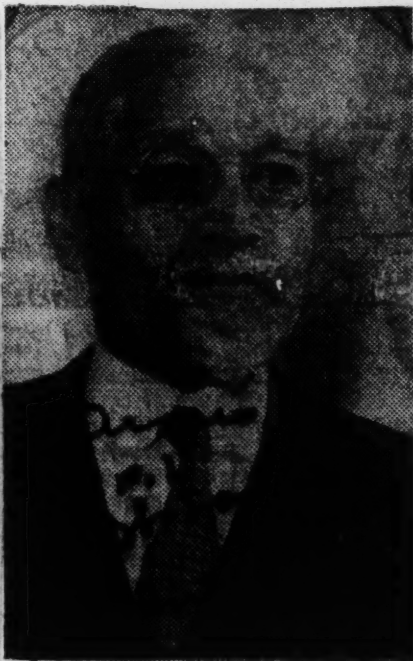
### 43 YEARS IN FIELD

A former vice president of the Board of Curators of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, he was appointed by the late Mayor Joseph M. Darst in 1950 as a member of the Citizens Bond Issue Supervisory Committee.

After receiving most of his early education in Indiana, Evans became the first Negro to graduate from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. He also held degrees from Wilberforce University and from the State University of Iowa. At the time of his retirement, he had spent 43 years in the field of education and had been associated with the St. Louis Public Schools since 1910.

### ACTIVE FUND-RAISER

Evans, who in his youth had sung with the Fisk University Jubilee Singers, was known for the strong musical program which he developed in his schools. As principal of Lincoln School



he also introduced daily devotions and patriotic exercises. He was an active fund-raiser for school improvements and conducted free social community centers and a free summer school.

In his criticism of modern education, Evans urged that more time and attention be given to the constant mental development of people. "The mind must be used in order to grow," he emphasized.

Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Leona Evans of the family home at 4253W Aldine ave.

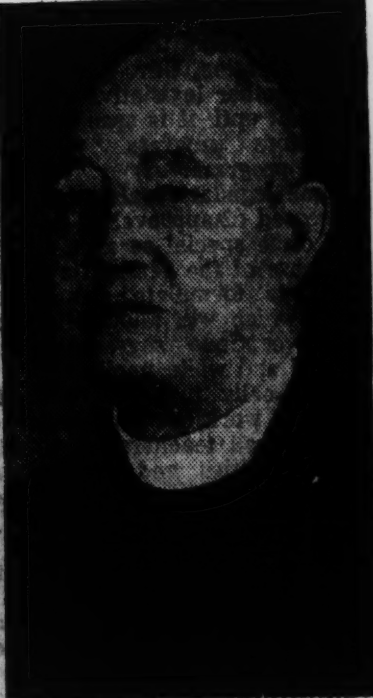
## Rev. Moten Rites Held AME Minister

For 55 Years

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (ANP)

The Rev. Freeman F. Moten, 78, for 55 years a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and for 30 years presiding elder over the Kansas City - Springfield and Kansas City-Lexington AME districts, was buried with impressive services from Ebenezer AME church here last week.

Bishop D. Ormonde Walker, prelate of the Fifth Episcopal District presided. More than 50 ministers from Missouri, Kansas and Colorado and from points as distant as Chicago and Houston



REV. F. R. MOTEN

were present for the rites.

The Rev. Moten, noted as a preacher and an evangelist of power, was the father of the widely known singer, Etta Moten. *Oct. 7-16-53*  
Born in 1875

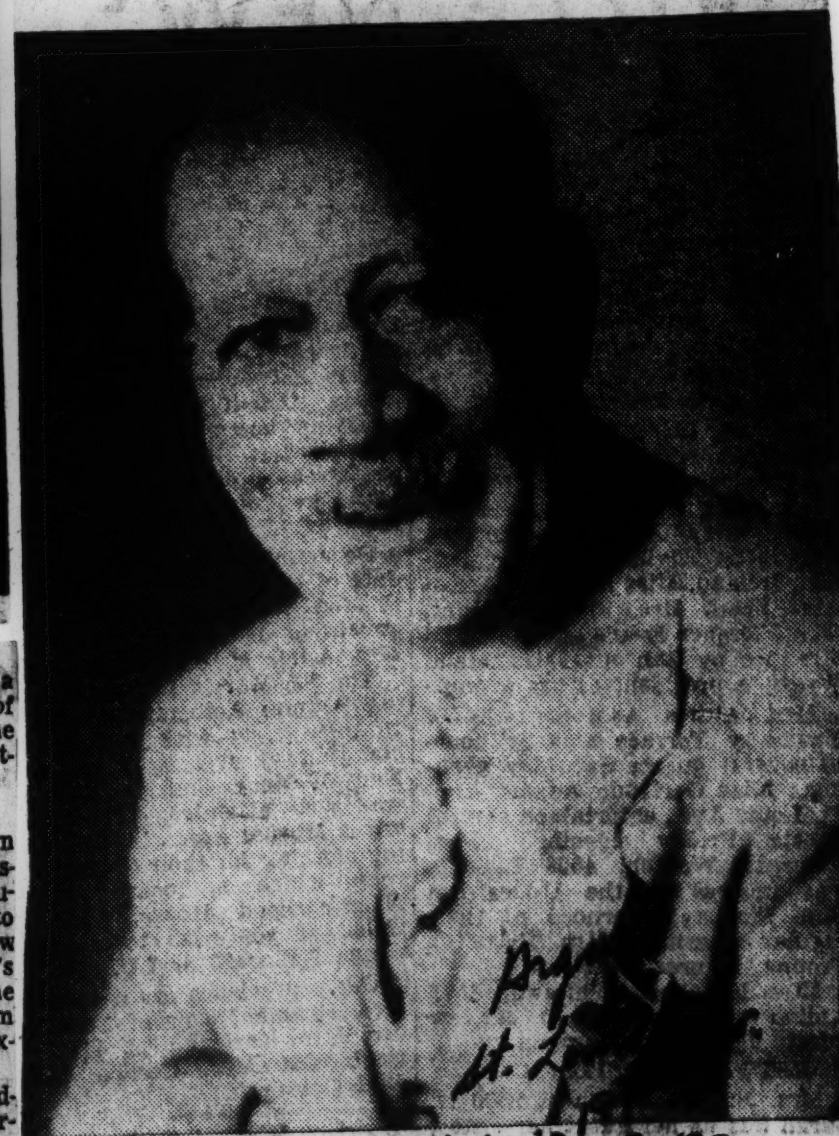
The Rev. Mr. Moten was born Oct. 15, 1875, a native of Bastrop County, Tex. He was educated as a teacher and to preach the gospel. Prairie View college granted him a teacher's certificate and he received the doctor of divinity degree from Paul Quinn college, Waco, Texas.

He was married in 1901 at Giddings, Gex. to Miss Ida M. Norman, a union which lasted for 52 years until his death. He pastored in Texas, Kansas, California and Missouri.

The funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. H. M. Davis, pastor of Ebenezer church. Participating in the ceremony were the Revs. L. Owens, Carl Flipper, Paul Kidd, Cyrus Keller, E. S. Foust and D. G. Williams. Contributing to the services also were Mrs. Tommye Berry, Mrs. Percy Lee, Ruth Garlock and Mary S. B. Dana.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Ida M. Moten, a daughter, Mrs. Etta Moten Barnett, Chicago; three sisters, Mrs. Effie G. Irvine, Kansas City; Mrs. Essie McNeal, Houston, Texas; and Mrs. Willie Connors, Berkeley, Calif.; two brothers, Dr. P. S. Moten, Birmingham and Ernest A. Moten of Chicago.

## Memoria In Aeterna



JOSEPH EVERETT MITCHELL

1876

1953

ONE year following the death of J. E. Mitchell, *late* managing editor of this newspaper, citizens from all walks of life and vocations, yet mourn the memory of his passing from the St. Louis scene.

From Mr. James A. Scott, in the department of instruction of the St. Louis Board of Education, came a special message that said Mr. Mitchell, because of his courage, insight and devotion to ideals, he left a "rich legacy" for those who knew him well to cherish.

Alderman Sidney R. Redmond, a lifelong friend of the editor, said:

"Each passing day makes us more appreciative of the sterling character and courageous leadership of Editor J. E. Mitchell. In these trying times when momentous decisions affecting our welfare and our future are on the verge of being made, we can profit from his counsel, his guidance and his example."

Charles F. Lamkin, Jr., a member of the State Board of Education, wrote at Mr. Mitchell's death:

"... It was my good fortune to serve with him upon the Missouri State Board of Education for five years, both when he was in good health and later when he became ill. When he was able to attend our meetings, I think he never failed..."

FROM another person who knew the editor well, came this message at the time of his death:

"Mr. Mitchell was a rare person—so devoted to the welfare of the community, so loyal and true to his friends. I remember

"One always knew where Mr. Mitchell stood. He did not equivocate. The crying need today is for more men of his stature."

"St. Louis is a better city because he lived here."

IMMEDIATELY after his death, December 17, 1952, hundreds of messages were received in the offices of the St. Louis Argus. Typical of the sentiment then was a message from Mrs. Blanche V. Sinker, who wrote:

"Mr. Mitchell's death is a loss to all of St. Louis. For so long he was a power for good in the city, and he will be missed greatly."



with such appreciation my last visit with him on the event of my father's birthday—he was gay and confident as always. To visit him was a pleasure and fine experience. . . .

(Signed) Francis Williams

Washington, D. C.

The text of Mr. Scott's letter follows:

"On this anniversary of the passing of Mr. J. E. Mitchell, it is inspirational for us all to pause and reflect his lasting contributions to our community. I think that his many and varied achievements are dramatic proof of how much good can be accomplished by one individual of strong and steady purpose, high ethical standards, and outstanding native ability.

"His life is a beautiful illustration of what is meant by democratic citizenship in its most practical sense.

**M**R. Mitchell was, in my opinion, one of the most creative community builders St. Louis has ever known. While he had no patience with bigotry and intolerance, he was at all times constructive and helpful in his approach to the problems which confronted his day. Our clubs, our social agencies, our churches, and our schools are infinitely better because both as a citizen and as a journalist he was continuously at work to make them so.

"His courage, insight, devotion to ideals, and sincere, whole-hearted friendship for his associates are a rich legacy which those of us who were privileged to know him well will cherish more and more as the years go by."



## Hancock Salutes Late Editor

# No Degrees Behind Mitchell's Name But Lots Of 'Stalwart' Character

By GORDON B. HANCOCK  
ANP Columnist

When Joseph Everett Mitchell, publisher and managing editor of The St. Louis Argus, passed on Dec. 17, 1952, a nation was bereaved, and the cause of righteousness suffered a loss in ways we humans can hardly understand.

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His contribution will help to make our nation great and civilization splendid.

## Educator Dies In St. Louis Hospital

ST. LOUIS (INS) — John William Evans, one of the nation's leading Negro educators, died in a St. Louis Hospital Tuesday. He was 76 years old.

Philip J. Hickey, superintendent of instruction, termed Mr. Evans an outspoken critic of modern educational methods — a man who had left an "everlasting imprint" on St. Louis education.

Mr. Evans, who was born in Indiana, was the first Negro to receive a degree from Wash. College at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

He contended modern education was "too easy for everybody" and failed to stress mental development properly.

# Between The Lines

By DEAN GORDON B. HANCOCK for ANP

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We are told by the sages that each word and act bears with it a long train of consequences extending through generations untold. It is even so with great and useful lives like unto that of the subject of this humble tribute.

Humans, therefore, may glory in the greatness of human achievement and glory no less in the holy fact that the influence of great lives never dies. It is therefore with zest and fervor mingled with abundant hope that mortals can sing "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," for somewhere the sun is shining, somewhere the song birds dwell; well may we cease our sad repining for God lives and all is well.

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The hospitality shown in his palatial homes in Webster and Lewis Place knew no bounds. It was always a treat and blessing to share the favors which he and

kind Mrs. Mitchell dispensed with a lavish hand. There is nothing so welcome to tired souls as refined hospitality, with a heart, in the home of a friend. The writer never left the Mitchell home without resolving to be somebody's better friend.

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Character is more fundamental than formal education. Unless education is implemented with character, it not only becomes a liability instead of an asset; but it becomes a danger and a detriment. J. E. Mitchell becomes a great benefactor when he demonstrates that while degrees are fine in their place, they are not always essential to success, and the determined and consecrated soul without them need not despair. If our friend's life had left no other lustre than the illustration of this solemn fact, he would not have lived in vain.

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Well, may the journalists of tomorrow say of him, "He was a giant in his day." May the beneficiaries of his life and achievement ever hold him in grateful remembrance.



# FRANK L. WILLIAMS

## New Age Savings and Loan Association Issues Statement On Passing of President and Founder

The passing of Mr. Frank L. Williams, leader, educator, and president of the New Age Savings and Loan Association, brings to a close the life of one of the most interesting and inspiring men of our city. His passing means that the New Age Savings and Loan Association has lost its president and organizer.

It was in 1915 that Mr. Williams and a few men, interested in building a program whereby members of the race would become home owners, organized the New Age Building and Loan Association. For over thirty-eight years, through this association, hundreds of persons purchased their homes.

Many interesting stories can be told of how New Age saved property and made it possible for people to rise out of difficulty into the position of dignity as a home owner.

In 1949, a program of expansion was begun with emphasis upon getting more people to save through the Association, which would make it possible for more people to borrow money, eventually meaning more home owners.

Since 1949 over \$200,000.00 in assets have been added. Offices were opened at 4217 W. Easton and a full time secretary-treasurer was elected with an office assistant.

In addition to its long record of achievement, the Association is a member of the 8th District Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Iowa.

The Board of Directors, meeting in emergency session, takes this opportunity to express its deep regrets at the passing of its distinguished president. It also reaffirms the position of the Association to continue the program of expansion that began in 1949. Mr. Bige Wyatt, vice president, pointed out that the rapid growth of the last few years would be stepped up and that in 1953, an effort would be made to increase our assets to \$500,000.00. He also stated that as of December 31, 1952, the total assets of the Association were \$394,573.31.

Members of the Board of Directors are: Bige Wyatt, A. C. Phillips, J. H. Hughes, C. H. Evans, Preston Myree, W. A. Younge, J. Strawbridge, C. Marshall, J. E. Cook, S. D. Miller, S. Symington Curtis, Irving A. Williamson and George C. Carper. Robert E. Fagan, secretary-treasurer.



PALLBEARERS CARRY THE BODY of Frank L. Williams from his home, 4217 Enright, following simple, but impressive rites there Monday morning. Interment was in Washington Park cemetery.

## Frank L. Williams Rites Simple And Impressive

In an air of the simple, quiet dignity that marked the career of Frank Lunsford Williams, final rites were delivered for the retired educator at 10:00 a.m., Monday morning at his home, 4217 Enright avenue.

Mr. Williams, 88, died Friday morning in St. Mary's Infirmary of complications resulting from a heart ailment.

He had been associated with the St. Louis Public School System for 32 years before his retirement in 1940. Interment for Mr. Williams was in Washington Park cemetery.

Mr. Williams, who was known so endearingly to many of the Sumner high school alumnae as "Fess", served as principal of that institution from 1908 to 1928. Under his administration, Sumner grew from a small enrollment in inadequate quarters, to

become the first Negro school in the country admitted to the North Central Association of High Schools and Colleges. In a survey by the famed Phelps-Stokes Foundation, Sumner was rated as the best secondary school for Negroes in the United States.

Mr. Williams also organized the Washington Vocational School, serving as its principal from 1928 to 1932 and then as principal of Vashon.

A graduate of Berea College, Berea, Ky., in the early days when that institution served both races until prohibited by law, he lived to see the shackles of segregation thrown off last year and the doors opened to Negro students again. He received his B.A., at Berea and his M.S., at the University of Cincinnati.

For 30 years, Mr. Williams served as chairman of the Board

of the Pine Street YMCA. During the middle 30's he was a member of the National YMCA Council. In 1935, he was appointed a



MR. WILLIAMS

member of the St. Louis Housing Authority, serving four years.

For a number of years, he was a curator of Lincoln University. He was active in securing the bond issue which brought Homer G. Phillips Hospital into being. In 1914, he founded the New Age Building and Loan Association, and served as president until his death.

Mr. Williams is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fannie B. Williams, and three daughters, Mrs. Susie P. Jones, wife of President David D. Jones of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs. James E. Stamps of Chicago and Miss Frances A. Williams of Washington, D. C., administrative assistant to U. S. Sen. Lehman of New York.

Active pallbearers included: David Jones Jr., Paul Jones, C. B.

Broussard, Nathan Dixon, Robert Fagen, Dr. Thomas Giles, Wiley Thompson and Wendell P. Nelson.

Honorary pallbearers included: Bige Wyatt, Preston Myree, Dr. W. A. Younge, J. Strawbridge, Dr. A. C. Phillips, Clarence Marshall, Dr. S. D. Miller, Dr. L. S. Curtis, George A. Williams, George Carper Sr., J. H. Hughes, J. E. Cook, Dr. Walter Gibson, John J. Green, Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs, J. W. Myers, Daniel W. Bowles, Charles Forbey, P. E. Davenport, Ernest Grady, Frank Mitchell Sr., George Brantley, W. G. Wesley, C. M. Evans, Ellsworth Evans, Clarence Hunter, Everett Colbert, John Funnell, Frederick Pruitt, Clifford Evans Jr., Earl Scott, Ollie Morris, James Scott, W. T. Smith, A. W. Reason, Lucien Garrett and Henry Rhetta.

## John W. Evans, Negro Educator

ST. LOUIS, June 16 (AP).—John William Evans, seventy-six, an educator who earned the money for his own education by working as a Pullman porter and dining car waiter, died today.

Mr. Evans, the first Negro to take a degree from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., was principal of the Lincoln Elementary School here for twenty-seven years until his retirement in 1947. He served as vice-president of the board of curators of Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Mo.

Mr. Evans organized the Negro Y. M. C. A. in Indianapolis, was its first executive secretary and taught school there. In 1940, he was cited by the American Teachers Association for significant contributions to the cause of Negro education.



## Dr. Alexander, Legislator Dies At 72

ORANGE, N. J. — Dr. Walter G. Alexander, first Negro elected to the New Jersey Legislature and former president of the National Medical Association, died last Thursday at his home at the age of 72.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., the physician was graduated from Lincoln University at the age of 14 and received his medical degree from the Boston College of Surgeons in 1903. He had practiced here for half a century.

Dr. Alexander was president of the New Jersey Tuberculosis League and a member of the state Public Health Council, Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll's Committee on Health and Welfare, and the medical advisory committee of the National Youth Administration.

In 1909 he helped found the National Medical Association Journal and served as business manager, associate editor and publications chairman. He won the organization's distinguished service award in 1944.

## Christian Science Service 20 Minutes

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Private Rites Attended By  
Relatives, Business Associates

By LULA JONES GARRETT

ATLANTIC CITY — Two thousand persons, from as far away as Georgia, and as close by as her next door neighbor, paid a final visit to Mme. Sara Washington Logan as she lay in state in the Carter funeral chapel here Thursday evening.

The viewing of the body of Madam Washington at 6:30 was preceded by a brief service during which Father C. Canterbury Corbin, pastor of St. Augustine Episcopal church, read a scripture and the Rev. Wyatt B. Johnson, of Hethro Presbyterian church prayed.

They represented the Absecon Island Ministerial Union. Mrs. Selina McKinney sang a solo. The services, attended by the family, lasted only 12 minutes; but the line, three blocks long, took four hours to pass the bier.

### Wears Silver Slippers

Mrs. Logan lay on a full couch of a silvered-bronze casket in the flower-filled chapel. She wore a gray lace dress she had recently

ordered to wear to the nationwide testimonial, planned in her honor in Philadelphia, April 13.

There were pearls at her throat and orchids on her shoulder. Her slippers were silver.

Adhering strictly to Mrs. Logan's wishes for a private and as quiet a funeral service as possible, the formal services Friday morning in the chapel lasted 20 minutes.

They were according to the Christian Science faith which she embraced five years ago. Osborne Nicholson, lay reader of the First Church of Christ Scientist, read the burial ritual and a hymn composed by the late Mary Baker Eddy. There was no music.

The 120 seats of the chapel were occupied by members of the Apex family and relatives.

### Burial At Pleasantville

The latter included her husband, Shumpert Logan; Mrs. Verna Gosnell, a cousin, and her husband, William Gosnell, Baltimore, attorney; Mrs. Joan Hayes, of this city, daughter; Mrs. Ida Ellen Haynes, of Reading, Pa., niece; Mrs. Maude Turnage, of Norfolk, Va., and Joshua Wynn, of this city, cousins.

Following the services, the casket was moved through a block-long aisle of flowers from the chapel to a waiting funeral car.

Pallbearers were employees of the Apex company, the majority of whom had enjoyed a close personal as well as business relationship with Mrs. Logan for more than 20 years.

They included Joshua Wynn, foreman of the Apex factory; William Austin, John Gray, Walter Reid, George King, William Jackson, Fergus M. Holland, Dr. James M. Thompson and Wiley O'Neill.

Burial was in a family plot in the Pleasantville, N.J. cemetery, where her mother, Mrs. Ellen Hunter, and brother, Frank Phillips, are interred. Mr. Osborne read a prayer at the graveside.

A steady stream of telegrams, letters, cards and messages poured into the Arctic Avenue home of the late Apex President all day Thursday. They came from persons of all walks of life and from childhood friends.

### Memorials Planned

And, while her body still lay in state, organizations, the city and the state went into plans for memorializing her.

State Sen. Frank S. Farley announced that he would introduce a bill observing her con-

tribution to the community in the Board of Directors of the Atlantic City Community Concert Association met to establish a student membership for five years to a colored youth in her memory.

Mr. Logan, who married Mme. Washington in 1944, told the AFRO that he had been hopeful up to the last three days before his wife's death on Monday that she would pull through the attack. Tears filled his eyes as he glanced up at painting of Mrs. Logan which dominates their living room.

"We had eight years of perfect marriage," he said. "We liked the same things. I did not formally embrace the Christian Science Faith as she did. But I am deeply interested and we attended the services together regularly."

"Of course, we had a firm foundation for the marriage. We had been friends for a good many years prior to our marriage. I love her very much."

### Feels 'She's Still Here'

"We spent most of our time in this room. She loved this room," he said, pointing to a huge vase filled with red and yellow roses that graced a low table in front of a pale

green satin brocade covered couch.

"She loved red and yellow roses," Mr. Logan said. "I always sent them to her on special occasions and when she had parties. I sent her those this morning. I shall carry on as though she were here as I feel she is."

The hundreds of persons who stood patiently in the street in a cold dreary evening waiting to get a last glimpse of Mrs. Washington talked as they waited.

One man recalled how, during the depression, she bought carloads of coal, piled it on a vacant street corner and let the needy take it. An official remarked that she was one of the largest contributors to the Community Chest.

The Light House (for the Blind) in New York, the Seashore Home for crippled children and the Vineland Training School for retarded children were others among her charities.

### 'Changed Will Often'

Others wondered about distribution of the large fortune she accumulated. "That no one will know until the will is probated," remarked the attorney, "and she made and changed wills at

every whim," he added.

James C. Thomas, New York, state assemblyman, wired from Albany: "She was always hungering and thirsting for righteousness and she shared what she had with those she met on life's highways. No wonder she was a happy woman."

Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll said: "With the death of Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington, New Jersey has lost a good and constructive citizen."

"By her efforts to help the underprivileged to help themselves, her philanthropies and her work in behalf of others, she helped to make her community a better place in which to live. And she was one of those who had furthered the New Jersey effort to develop the concept of one first-class citizenship."

D. Arnett Murphy, vice-president of the AFRO-AMERICAN, Baltimore said "the Business world has lost a great leader."

### Hundreds Pay Tribute

Among other hundreds to pay tribute to her were Mrs. M. D. Hurley, head of the Poro schools of New Jersey; Robert H. Johnson, grand exalted ruler of Elks; Mrs. Maude Gadsden of New York, the Rev. Noah L. Moore Jr. of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pace Alexander, Philadelphia;

Dr. Marshall Shepard, Philadelphia, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Sedalia, N.C.; David M. Malavang, Atlantic City; Mrs. Robert L. Vann Pittsburgh; Dr. Stanley I. Lucas, president of the Board of Education, and Mayor Joseph Altman, both of Atlantic City;

R. G. L. Paige, attorney and childhood friend, Norfolk; M. L. Gussak of the Interstate United Newspapers and Clyde Donnell, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, N.C.



# John Green, Ex-Slave and Pastor, Dies

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 5

—The Rev. John Green, of 1306 Embury Ave., Neptune, a former slave turned minister, died at his home last night at the age of 104. He had been a member of the Methodist ministry for sixty years, most of the time in Columbus, Ohio.

The Rev. Mr. Green was born into slavery on May 8, 1849, in Clark County, Kentucky. He spent his boyhood on a plantation in Frankfort, Ky. He was freed after the Civil War.

He worked as a carriage driver on the plantation for a time at a salary of \$10 a month. He married the first of his five wives in Winchester, Ky., and started preaching among Negroes of the area. In time he was granted what was known as a "local preaching license" but fear of the K. Klux Klan drove him to Ohio.

The Rev. Mr. Green continued preaching in small Ohio towns for eight years and was ordained a minister of the Methodist Church around 1870. He was pastor of several small parishes and then settled in Columbus where he built six churches. His last pastorate was at the Wheatland Avenue Methodist Church in Columbus. He retired eleven years ago and at the time of his death was a member of St. Stephen's A. M. E. Zion Church here.

Surviving are his fifth wife, Mrs. Mary Magdalene Green; a stepdaughter, Mildred Russell, of Dayton, Ohio; a stepsister, Mary Green, of Winchester, Ky.; a stepbrother, Robert Morton, of Columbus and a granddaughter, Mrs. Alberta Fields, of Columbus.



# 2,000 At Funeral See Richest Woman Buried

## Apex Head's Estate Over \$4,453 Million \$\$

Husband, 4 Others  
Also Left Shares  
In Vast Business

ATLANTIC CITY — The will of Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington, probated Saturday, leaves 1% of the stock, controlling interest in the million-dollar Apex company to her daughter, Mrs. Joan Hayes.

Relatives and employees receive the other 49% of the stock as follows:

Shamper Logan, husband; Mrs. Verna Gosnell and Joshua Wynn, brother, 10% each;

Six per cent interest in the company goes to Mrs. Ida Johnson, cousin, and Mrs. Beatrice Cannady, office manager and personal secretary for 24 years.

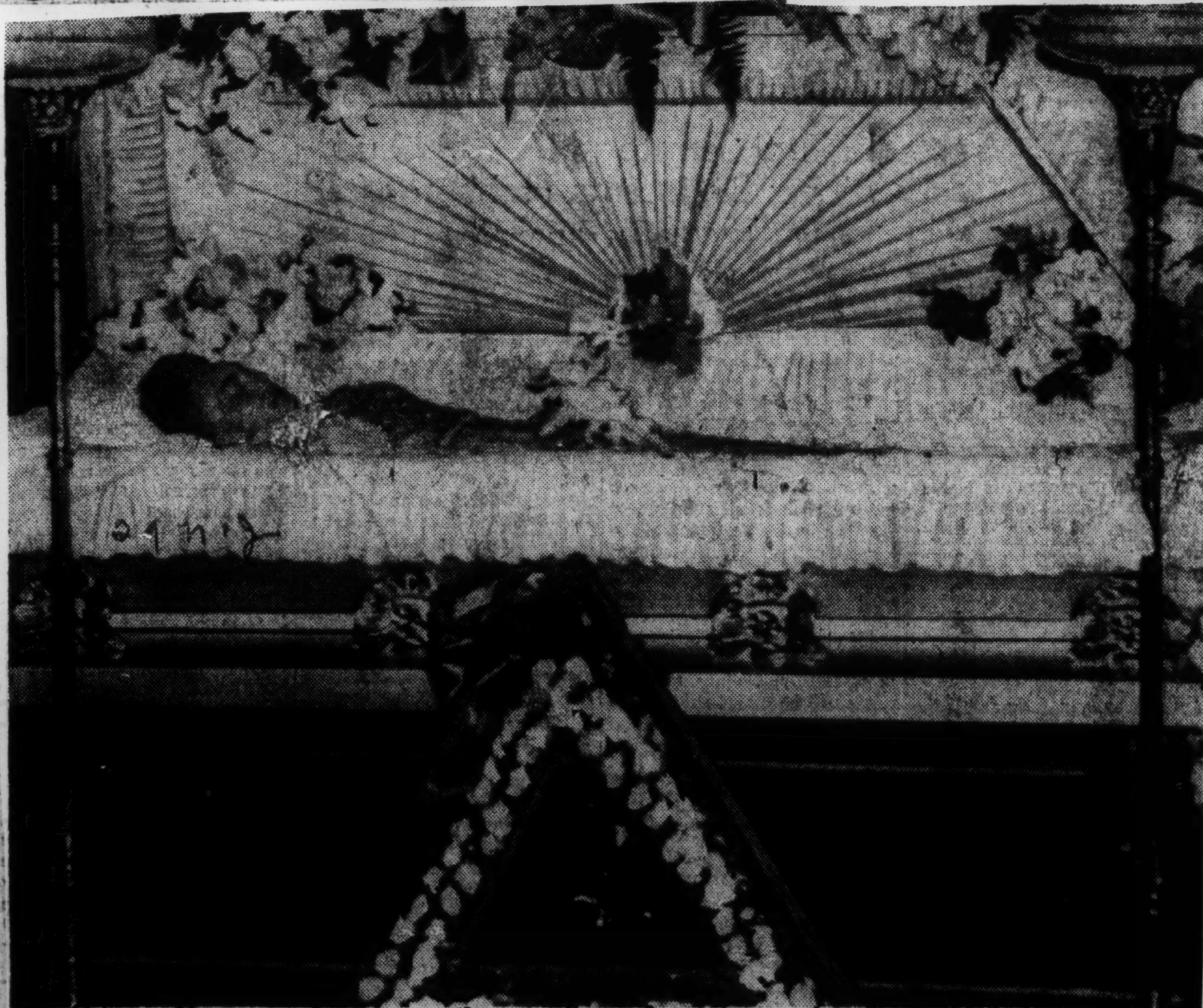
Archie Morgan, business manager for 28 years, received 7%.

### \$10,000 Bequests

Cash bequests include \$10,000 each to Mr. Logan, Mr. Wynn, and Mrs. Gosnell; \$5,000 to Mrs. Ida Johnson;

Mrs. Georgia Hargrave, \$200; Mrs. Clarice Walker, \$500; Mrs. Emma Johnson, \$500;

To Mrs. Mollie Turnage, a childhood friend from Norfolk, \$500; Mrs. Ethel Boger, housekeeper for 22 years, \$500; Cromwell Carter, \$500, and Walter Reed, \$500.



Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington lies in state—Dress, gray lace slipers, silver; jewels, a pearl necklace—In her hand, an orchid.

### Gifts To Churches

Five hundred dollars was also willed to Asbury Methodist Church, First Baptist Church of Buckley, Va., and Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N.C.

The daughter, Mrs. Hayes, also receives her Arctic ave. home and furnishings, a new mink coat, and most of the jewelry, including a diamond bracelet, a diamond watch, a diamond dinner ring, and a diamond brooch and her defense bonds.

### Home To Daughter

Mrs. Hayes will also receive Metropolitan Insurance Company annuities and the residue of the estate.

In addition to a 10% interest in the company and \$10,000 in cash, Mrs. Gosnell

Mrs. Gosnell will receive a mink coat, a 3-carat diamond ring, and one fourth of her clothes and costume jewelry.

Mrs. Georgia Hargrave receives a Persian coat.

Mr. Wynn was willed a 2½-carat diamond ring.

Her costume jewelry is to be divided among Mesdames Hayes, Gosnell, Boger, and Ida Johnson. Her clothes are also to be divided among these four.

The title and interest in the Apex annex, a building across the street from her home where she first started the business, is to go to Mrs. Ida Johnson.

### Gosnell—Co-executor

The will was dated April 28, 1947 and the executors are William A. Gosnell, a Baltimore, attorney, and William A. Dart, Atlantic City attorney.

Witnesses to the will were William E. Stenger and Ruth McCott.

### Valued Near Million

A 1947 estimate of the properties Mrs. Washington said she owned included the following:

The Washington home, Atlan-



City, \$50,000; Apex warehouse, \$40,000; auditorium, \$25,000; Apex laboratory, \$20,000; Apex Rest and Tourist Home, \$50,000; Ellen Hunter Memorial Home for Girls, \$18,000; Apex Drug Store, \$21,000; Apex building, Philadelphia, \$70,000; mortgage on Brigantine Hotel, Atlantic City, \$150,000, making a total value of \$444,000.

#### Other Properties

Additional properties in Baltimore, Richmond, New York, and other cities were not listed. Nor was the value of the vast Apex beauty products business listed.

Financial reports show the Apex Company with a B credit rating, one of the highest. Assets were estimated at \$350,000 to \$500,000.

This brings the total value of the estate at a figure between \$750,000 and a million dollars.

## Our Opinions

### Sara Spencer Washington

One of the nation's outstanding business women—Sara Spencer Washington—is dead, but like two other famous women, the late Mme. C. J. Walker and Mme. Annie Malone, who preceded her in the field of cosmetology, she has left a living monument to her genius.

A native of Virginia, she began her business career 13 years ago at the age of 19 and 25 years later she was head of the Apex System consisting of beauty schools in 12 states and three foreign countries.

These figures, however, do not give the whole picture. For each of her schools where women and men were trained in the system of beauty culture she developed, there were at least one hundred beauty shops, individually owned, some with five and six employees.

Mme. Washington was not only a business success herself, but she was responsible for guiding hundreds of women into a lucrative field of business.

It is no discredit to her great ability that she did not pioneer the field. Her task actually was more difficult, because she had to meet the competition of the Walker Company and the Poro System that were firmly entrenched when Mrs. Washington was just beginning.

Of further credit to this great woman was her versatility. All of the energy required to build up her business she still found time to use her talents in other directions.

She was a dynamic force in New Jersey politics, serving for a while as committee-woman for Atlantic County.

In addition, she participated in a wide range of civic, social and fraternal activities and held important posts in a dozen or more key organizations.

Mrs. Washington died with the satisfaction that her ability was recognized. During her brilliant career she received many citations, one of the most significant being when she was cited at the New York World's Fair for her contributions as an American business woman.

So great were her contributions in life that the world can never forget that Sara Spencer Washington once lived here.

### Montclair Mourns African American Young Civic Leader

Dr. Womble, Pharmacist, Won  
Top Awards From City PBA

MONTCLAIR — Leaders and citizens of many races and faiths eulogized Dr. Thomas W. Womble, 42, of 34 Lexington ave., prominent pharmacist, civic leader and benefactor, at impressive funeral services Monday at St. Mark's Methodist Church.

The highly esteemed Fourth Ward leader died last Thursday of a heart attack while at work in his drugstore, the Elm Pharmacy, 22 Bloomfield ave.

The Rev. L. H. Berry, pastor of St. Mark's, officiated.

Won Top Police Award  
Few colored Jerseyans have been honored by their communities for distinguished services as was Dr. Womble.

The Police Benevolent Association of Montclair awarded him a silver life membership in 1948 in recognition of his leadership in the Fourth Ward.

The silver life membership is the highest PBA award for civilians. Its presentation to Dr. Womble marked the first time a colored citizen who was not a policeman was so honored.

He was cited for his efforts to help maintain law and order in the ward by providing a wholesome center for young people, supporting church and YWCA programs for youth, and aiding the aged and needy.

Dr. Womble also was awarded the Montclair Town Development Board's Citizenship Award for his contribution to the "face-lifting" program for Bloomfield ave.

He made business history when against many odds, he opened a new pharmacy next door to his first drugstore.

Mayor Dill recently named him to the Montclair Youth Council.

Started As Delivery Boy  
Dr. Womble is a native of nearby Bloomfield but has lived here most of his life.

He rose from a job as a delivery boy when he was eight years old to become one of the most successful business men and revered civic leaders in his state.

A graduate of the local high school, he graduated from Rutgers College of Pharmacy after commuting between the college and his drugstore jobs.

He opened his own store at 222 Bloomfield ave. in 1941, moving to the new building seven years later.

Nine Survivors  
Survivors are:  
His wife, Mrs. Mildred Rhone Womble; a sister, Mrs. Mollie Spruel; a brother Louis; an uncle, Daniel; and two aunts, Mrs. Belle Royster and Mrs. Carrie Jackson; and three nephews, George Reed, Rodger and Leo H. Samuels and a niece, Barbara Silvera.

Arrangements were made by the Holcombe Funeral Home with interment in the family plot in Bloomfield Cemetery.



## Dr. W. G. Alexander, N. J. Health Leader Negro Ex-Legislator Set Up Medical Societies

ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 5 (AP).—Dr. Walter G. Alexander, seventy-two, president of the New Jersey Tuberculosis League and a former State Assemblyman, died today at his home, 48 Webster place.

Dr. Alexander, one of the state's most prominent Negroes, was active in medical, civic, social welfare and political circles. During his 1921-22 term in the State Legislature, he was Speaker of the House and sponsored one of the first state civil rights bills and the premarital medical examination bill.

Born in Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 3, 1880, he attended Lincoln University. He organized the North Jersey Medical Society in 1907 and the New Jersey State Medical Association in 1939 and was one of the organizers and a former vice-president of the New Jersey Urban League.

A member of the State Board of Health since 1939, he was elected chairman of the Public Health Council of the State Department of Health in July, 1951. Dr. Alexander won frequent honors for his medical and welfare activities and in 1952 was named citizen of the year by the Junior League of Newark, which set up a four-year scholarship in his honor. The Orange public housing project was named in his honor in July, 1952.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian Hodges Alexander, and three sisters, Mrs. Mae Pinkney of Hempstead, L. I.; Mrs. Bessie A. Bunce, of Montclair, N. J., and Mrs. Bertha Cornwell, of East Orange.

## Dr. W. G. Alexander Buried In N. Jersey

### Physician Was Prominent In Medicine And Politics

ORANGE, N. J.—Funeral services for Dr. Walter G. Alexander, 72, distinguished physician, civic leader and former Assemblyman, were held Saturday noon at his home 48 Webster place.

He died in his sleep Thursday morning Feb. 5 after an illness of several weeks.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., where he attended public schools, he entered Lincoln University, Pa., at the age of 14, receiving the B.A. degree magna cum laude in 1889.

#### Boston College Graduate

Dr. Alexander received his medical degree from Boston Col-



DR. W. G. ALEXANDER

lege of Physicians and Surgeons in 1903; practiced medicine a year in Kimball, W. Va., and moved here in 1904.

In half a century, he compiled an impressive record of achievements in many fields which remain as an inspiration to others.

#### NMA Leader 30 Years

From 1906 to 1912 he was state vice-president of the National Medical Association. In 1907 he organized the North Jersey Medical Society, one of the oldest and largest colored medical groups in the country.

He was a leader in the NMA for more than 30 years, serving as general secretary, chairman, Board of trustees and president.

In 1939 he organized the New Jersey State Medical Association serving as a trustee for the next four years.

He was also a member of the Essex County Medical Society, the Medical Society of New Jersey, and the American Medical Association. His fraternity was Sigma Pi Phi.

#### State Health Consultant

In 1939 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Health, and was elected vice-president in 1946.

In 1940 he was named by Governor Driscoll to serve on the State Public Health Council.

He was a technical consultant to the Medical Society of New Jersey, technical adviser to the State Department of Health, and assistant city physician in Orange.

#### Honored By NMA Lincoln

In 1944, Dr. Alexander received the distinguished service award of the NMA for outstanding achievement in the field of medicine, long and devoted service to the association, promotion of public health, and conspicuous service to his community and state.

He was a member of the Lincoln University board of trustees and a former graduate manager of athletics.

He was president of Lincoln's National Alumni from 1931 to 1938, and his alma mater presented him with an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1939.

In 1947, Lincoln alumni from

North Jersey erected a plaque in his honor in the university's chapel.

#### Political Career

Dr. Alexander also carved an exciting career in politics, serving three parties on different occasions.

In 1912 he was a candidate for State Assembly on the Progressive Party ticket the first of his race to receive regular party endorsement for this office. He ran 11th in a field of 54 candidates in the 1914 Orange City Commission race.

He was defeated in a second try at the State Assembly in 1919, running on the Republican League ticket, but the following year became the first colored person to win election to the Assembly. He was re-elected in 1921, and in that year acted for a time as speaker of the House.

#### GOP Convention Delegate

In 1924 he was elected alternate-at-large to the Republican National Convention, receiving the highest vote on the ticket. Four years later he was elected delegate-at-large to the convention.

In 1939 Dr. Alexander was awarded a bronze plaque by the Advisory Committee of the Essex County Tuberculosis League "in recognition of devoted, efficient and unselfish service."

The same year saw him presented with a silver cup by the New Jersey Medical Association for "distinguished service in the field of public health."

#### Other Awards

During the last year Dr. Alexander was named "citizen of the year" by the Junior Leaguers Cotillion Society at its second annual graduation cotillion in Newark.

Also last year the public housing development in the First Ward, Orange, the city's first low-rent project was designated Dr. Walter G. Alexander Court. Last October Dr. Alexander was elected president of the New Jersey Tuberculosis League.

#### Urban League Official

Dr. Alexander was one of the organizers, a former vice president and member of the executive board of the New Jersey Urban League and organizer and former president of the Orange Community Chorus.

He served on the boards of directors of Essex County Tuberculosis League, New Jersey State Tuberculosis League, New Jersey Welfare Council, Welfare Council of the Oranges and Maplewood and the Fort Dix USO House.

From 1940 to 1943 he was a member of former Governor Edison's Advisory Committee on minority Affairs.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian H. Hodges Alexander and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Pinkney of Hempstead, L. I.; Mrs. Bessie Unce of Montclair and Mrs. Bertha Cromwell of East Orange.

## Apex Founder Dies In Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey—Madame Sara Spencer Washington, founder and president, Apex Enterprises, passed at 3:30 Monday afternoon at the Atlantic City Hospital, after a short illness.

She was born in Norfolk, Va., June 2, 1861, and attended Norfolk Mission College. She took a course in administration at Columbia University.

Funeral services will be private. She leaves her husband, Robert Logan, daughter, Jean Hayes; niece, Ida Hayes; cousin, Verna Gosnell Maude Turnage and Joshua Wynn.

## Mrs. Sara Washington

Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington, the Virginia-born hairdresser, who parlayed the word "Apex" into a million dollars, is dead.

Some liked to describe this slight woman with the indomitable energy as the "woman with the Midas touch."

But she refused to accept this description. The secret of her success, she would tell all who asked, was hard work.

She was up at the crack of day when others were sleeping. She worked late into the night. It was a long, slow process but this hard work, plus an idea paid off.

In hewing out her own, Mrs. Washington fashioned careers for thousands of women of her race.

Her schools of beauty culture, scattered in 12 cities from New York to Jacksonville, provided opportunity for these women to achieve professional standing and for many of them to become business women in their own right.

Her preparations permitted millions of women, the world over, to add to their God-given charm by improving their physical appearance.

She was the first of the three great cosmeticians to glorify the beauty of the brown-skinned woman. This put a halt to a mad scramble for bleaches and skin whiteners.

The world is a better place for Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington having lived in it.



Madame Sarah S. Washington

# Apex System's Head Buried in New Jersey

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—They lowered Sarah Spencer Washington Logan into a grave next to her mother, at Pleasantville Friday morning, in a private funeral for the founder of the Apex Hair and News Company.

said that Madame Washington's death was a loss to the city and cited her for her charitable work.

*Pittsburgh*  
MADAME WASHINGTON had been known as one of the nation's richest Negro women. However, any estimate of Mrs. Washington's wealth must be made in the realm of pure conjecture. It is estimated that her real wealth, including her real estate holdings throughout the nation would exceed a million dollars.

Madam Washington was known for her generosity which touched all races and creeds. Close associates say that she gave away thousands without any desire for publicity. The Apex Beauty Products System is now the largest of its kind in the country.

Mrs. Washington leaves to mourn a widower, Shumpert Logan; a niece, Ida Hayes of Reading, Pa.; an adopted daughter, Joan Hayes of Atlantic City, and a cousin, Verna Gosnell, of Baltimore, Md.



SARAH S. W. LOGAN

buried next to her mother

Madame Washington was buried after over 5,000 people standing two abreast in a line stretching around the block at Carter's Funeral Home, viewed her remains Thursday night, from 7 until 9 P. M.

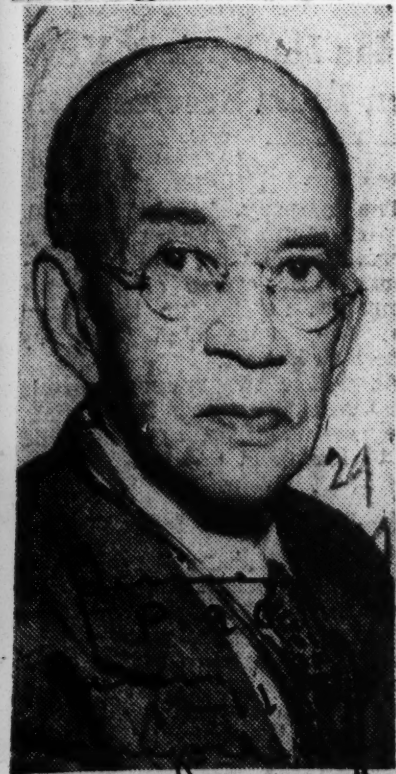
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The Mayor of Atlantic City and City Commissioners stood in line with the mourners. The Mayor



## DR. E. P. ROBERTS, 85, HARLEM PHYSICIAN

First Negro Assistant Medical Examiner, a Founder of the Urban League, Is Dead

Dr. Eugene Perry Roberts, one of the oldest physicians in this area and one of the first Negroes to practice in New York, died yesterday in his home, 130 West 130th Street, at the age of 85. He had been inactive for the last three months because of failing health.



The New York Times, 1949  
Dr. Eugene P. Roberts

A leader in the Negro community, Dr. Roberts had been instrumental in aiding many young Negro physicians get a start. He was a founder of the National Urban League.

He was born at Louisa, N.C., where his parents had been born as slaves. One of nine children, he attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, graduating in 1891. He came to study medicine at what was then the New York Homeopathic Hospital (now Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital). Dr. Roberts received his M. D. in 1894 and had been in practice here since.

His office was at 148 West Fifty-third Street until 1917, when he moved to Harlem.

Dr. Roberts was appointed the first Negro to receive such an appointment. In 1917, Mayor John Purroy Mitchel recognized his ability by naming him to the Board of Education. He had served also on the Board of Health staff as a medical examiner.

The physician, a holder of Lincoln University's Abraham Lincoln Award, had an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the university. He had been active for many years in the work of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association and was a founder of St. James Presbyterian Church, now at 409 West 141st Street.

A trustee and former president of the Alumni Association of Lincoln University, Dr. Roberts headed a committee to raise funds for the North Harlem Community House in 1920.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ruth Logan Roberts, a member of the New York State Board of Social Welfare, and a brother, Dr. Charles H. Roberts, a practicing dentist here.

## Dr. Eugene Roberts; Physician, Was 84 Negro Leader Was Founder of St. James Church

Dr. Eugene Percy Roberts, eighty-four, probably the oldest Negro physician in the metropolitan area, died yesterday at his home, 130 W. 130th St.

Dr. Roberts was born in North Carolina of parents who were born in slavery. He was graduated from Lincoln University in 1887 and from New York Homeopathic Medical College in Flower Hospital, now New York Medical College, in 1894. In that year he was appointed a medical inspector of the New York City Health Department. From 1917 to 1922 he was a member of the Board of Education.

He was a founder of St. James Presbyterian Church, now at 409 W. 141st St., and from 1912 to 1927 he was with the board of Health. For fifteen years he was chairman of the board of the 235th St. branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he was a charter member. He was a charter member also of the National Urban League. For twenty-five years he was a trustee of Lincoln University and from 1940 to 1947 he was chairman of the

## HENRY W. POPE, 53, OF URBAN LEAGUE

Field Secretary Since 1950,  
Once City Welfare Aide, Dead  
—Active in 'Y' Work

Henry Washington Pope, a field secretary of the National Urban League, who had been for more than ten years one of the best-known Negro leaders among the younger generation in the city, died yesterday morning at his home, 752 Macon Street, Brooklyn. His age was 53.

As field secretary from July, 1950, until his death, Mr. Pope served primarily with the League's commerce and industry council under the direction of its chairman, Winthrop Rockefeller. He also shared responsibility for the development of the League's industrial relations department.

A graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N. C., class of 1919, Mr. Pope later studied at Columbia University. From 1934 to 1940 he was an administrative supervisor for the New York City Department of Welfare. He had also served as secretary to the Committee on Negro Welfare of the Welfare Council.

For nearly six years, beginning in 1942, Mr. Pope was U. S. O. director of services for Negroes. In this capacity he acted as chief consultant on all phases of administration and program activities. His other posts included those of associate secretary of the Y. M. C. A. National Council and director of public relations and fund-raising for the Harlem branch of the Y. M. C. A.

He was active in the work of the St. Mark's Methodist Church, having served on many of its committees. Also, Mr. Pope lectured for and was a board member of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies of New York and the Society of the Methodist Church.

He was treasurer and a director of the Interracial Fellowship of Greater New York, a director of the Penn School, St. Helena Island, S. C., and for some years had been a member of the board of management of the Harlem Y. M. C. A.

Surviving are his widow, Vir-

ginia, who is a director of the Emma Ransom House of the Harlem Y. W. C. A.; two sons, Henry 3d and Thomas Moore Pope, and two sisters, Mrs. Albert Mundy of Atlantic City and Mrs. Inez Taylor of Maxton, N. C.



Henry W. Pope

## Dr. Whipper Dies; Noted for Aid to Negroes

Dr. Ionia Rollin Whipper, 78, a Washington physician for more than 40 years earned a national reputation for her efforts to improve health standards among Negroes, died Thursday at the Harlem Hospital in New York City after a long illness.

A practicing physician here since 1911, Dr. Whipper was one of the early women graduates of Howard University. She devoted much of her time to social welfare problems and founded a home for unwed Negro mothers here which bears her name.

Another of her projects was the Tuesday Evening Club comprised of maladjusted girls. For years, Dr. Whipper supervised the club's program, which resulted in many of the members

graduating from high school and continuing to college.

She also was one of the founders of the Teachers' Annuity, and a prominent worker in the St. Luke Episcopal Church.

During World War I, Dr. Whipper traveled throughout the South conducting health and sanitation courses for Negro midwives. She continued the work after the war under auspices of the Y.W.C.A.

A native of Beaufort, S. C., Dr. Whipper came to Washington as a young girl and attended public schools. Her father, William Whipper, was a Municipal Court judge in South Carolina during the Reconstruction period.

A member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Dr. Whipper maintained her offices in her home at 511 Florida ave. nw.

She is survived by a brother, Leigh Whipper, star of screen and stage, and a niece, Leighla Whipper Ford, both of New York City.



# Dr. Whipper Dies In N.Y. Hospital

29 WASHINGTON  
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A Washington physician for more than 40 years, Dr. Whipper gained a national reputation for her efforts to improve health standards among members of her race.

Sister of Actor  
She devoted much of her time to social welfare problems and founded a home for mixed colored mothers here which bears her name. She also helped start the Tuesday Evening Club, comprised of maladjusted girls, resulting in many of the girls graduating from school.

Dr. Whipper, a sister of actor Leigh Whipper, was a prominent member of the St. Luke Episcopal Church and one of the founders of the Teacher's Annuity.

During World War I, she traveled throughout the South conducting health and sanitation courses for midwives. She continued after the war under auspices of the YWCA.

A native of Beaufort, S.C., Dr. Whipper came to Washington as a young girl. Her father, William Whipper, was a Municipal Court judge in South Carolina during Reconstruction days.

Besides her brother, she is survived by a niece, Mrs. Leighla Whipper Ford of New York.

## Second Green Pastures Lawd passes at 82

NEW YORK, June 11 (AP) — Charles Winter Wood, 82, college teacher who was the second actor to play "De Lawd" in "Green Pastures" in 1935, died yesterday.

Wood took over the lead role in "Green Pastures" when the original "Lawd," Richard B. Harrison, became ill two months before the end of the first Broadway run of the Marc Connelly play.

Harrison died a short time later, and Wood continued in the role until the show closed.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Wood had degrees from Beloit College and Chicago Theological Seminary studied at Chicago University and won a scholarship to Columbia University, where he got a master's degree.

He taught at Tuskegee Institute before and after his stage career,

and at Bennett College and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College. He retired in 1949.

## C. W. WOOD IS DEAD; ACTOR, TEACHER, 82

Starred as De Lawd in 'Green Pastures' in 1935—Served Tuskegee, Bennett College

Charles Winter Wood, the Negro actor who played De Lawd in "The Green Pastures" here in 1935 after a fatal illness had overtaken Richard B. Harrison, creator of the role, died Tuesday in a Queens hospital after an illness of several months. Mr. Wood was 82 years old and lived at 105-70 131st Street, Richmond Hill, Queens.

Although Mr. Wood's appearance in the Negro cast of the beautiful blend of comedy, fantasy, folklore and religion was a brief one and his only Broadway engagement, it won high praise for him from drama critics. Brooks Atkinson of THE NEW YORK TIMES wrote: "His playing is firm with sincerity." He added, "Particularly in the most compassionate scenes where he gives his best support to the march into the Promised Land—Mr. Wood has the character 'The Green Pastures' requires of a people."

THE TIMES also pointed out that the play, celebrated by Mr. Harrison had fallen into "reverent hands," those of a man who "respects its high tradition."

Reopened in 1935

The play by Marc Connelly, originally opened in New York on Feb. 26, 1930, and shortly thereafter Mr. Wood became Mr. Harrison's understudy. The play won a Pulitzer Prize, ran 640 performances here, played four road tours and reopened here on Feb. 26, 1935. For five years Mr. Wood shared with the rest of the cast a deep veneration for Mr. Harrison and his immortal portrayal of the character introduced by Gabriel with "Gangway! Gangway for De Lawd Jehovah!"

On March 2, 1935 Mr. Harrison missed his first performance, which would have been his 1,658th in the role. Just as he started to dress for the matinee at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre he became ill. When Mr. Harrison heard he couldn't go on he asked to speak to Mr. Wood.



Charles Winter wood  
As De Lawd in "The Green Pastures"

"Hold me up, Charlie, hold me up," he said. "The world needs this play at this time. I'll be back in a few days."

Mr. Harrison did not return. He died on March 14, 1935. However, Mr. Wood did "hold him up." His moving performances continued until the close of the run, on April 27, 1935.

### Background for Role

Deeply religious, Mr. Wood had a good background in religion, education and the drama for his performance in "The Green Pastures." He was born in Nashville, Tenn., the son of the late Rev. Charles Winter Wood, a Methodist minister, and the late Mrs. Mary O'Neal Wood.

As a young man in Chicago he organized a Negro stock company and played in it. He received his B. A. and M. A. degrees from Beloit College, and a D. D. from Chicago Theological Seminary. A Congregationalist, he sometimes preached at church services in his youth.

After studying at Chicago University, he won a scholarship at Columbia University, from which he received a master's degree in the philosophy of education. He taught English, the drama and public speaking at Tuskegee Institute under its principal, the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, played in Channing Pollock's "The Fool" there. He also directed his own plays, "In Defense of Him" and "College Life" at Tuskegee and elsewhere in the South. He served as director of the Tuskegee Players. Mr. Wood was Northern financial secretary of Tuskegee, 1904-26.

After being in "The Green Pastures," Mr. Wood again taught at

Tuskegee. Later he taught English and dramatics at Bennett College and organized Negro dramatic clubs there and in other Negro colleges in the South. He also taught those subjects at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College and in 1949 retired to his Queens home, which he had had since 1925.

A half-sister, Miss Ruth Stillwell, survives.

## 'De Lawd' Charles Wood Is Dead at 82

NEW YORK—Charles Winter Wood, 82, the actor who replaced the late Richard B. Harrison as De Lawd in "The Green Pastures" in 1935, died Tuesday in a Queens hospital. He lived at 105-70 131st Street, Richmond Hill, Queens.

Born in Nashville, Tenn., son of a Methodist minister, Mr. Wood originally chose education as his career.

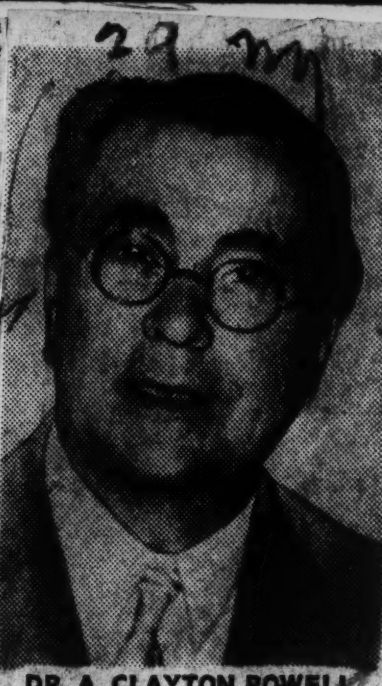
## Rev. Powell Sr. Dies In NYC

NEW YORK—The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Sr., 88-year-old father of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr., died Saturday at Presbyterian Hospital here.

Death came to the pastor emeritus of the Abyssinian Baptist church after an emergency operation involving bone surgery which he underwent ten days ago after fracturing his foot in a fall at his convent ave. home.

Dr. Powell was born in Franklin County, Va., May 5, 1865. A graduate of Virginia Union University in 1892, he received a Doctor of Divinity degree from Yale in 1896 and received other degrees from Howard and Union Universities.

He came to Abyssinian church in 1900 and pastored it until he retired in 1937 to allow his son to become pastor.



DR. A. CLAYTON POWELL

## LeRoy Tibbs, Ace Musician Dies In East

By FLOYD SNELSON

NEW YORK — Music lovers the nation over are this week mourning the death of one of the most celebrated musicians, Leroy Tibbs. Born in Boston, son of Oscar and Ella Tibbs, on Nov. 8, 1900, "Roy" as everyone affectionately knew him was one of the best known figures in musical circles.

Roy received his musical education at the New England Conservatory of Music. Wilbur Sweatman brought him to New York in 1922. Later he organized his own band in 1928 at Connie's Inn, one of the brightest nightspots of Harlem during the glittering days of the prohibition era. The dapper young musician was a great band leader and talented musician and soon gained a splendid reputation in the musical profession.

During his heyday his name grew famous with the late Florence Mills at the Plantation, on Broadway, along with other famous artists as Shelton Brooks, Cora Green, Hamtree Harrington, Johnny Dunn, Alma Smith.

Mr. Tibbs collaborated with many of the all time "greats" in music — Fats Waller, James P. Johnson, Andy Razaf, Benny Carter, Spencer Williams, Maceo Pinkard, Fletcher Henderson.

Duke Ellington, Jimmy Lunceford and others.

Tibbs passed at Goldwater hospital, and his remains were reviewed at the Leroy Butler Undertakers parlor. Church services were held at St. Martin's P. E. church, Rev. John H. Johnson, officiating. Interment at Morristown, N. J.



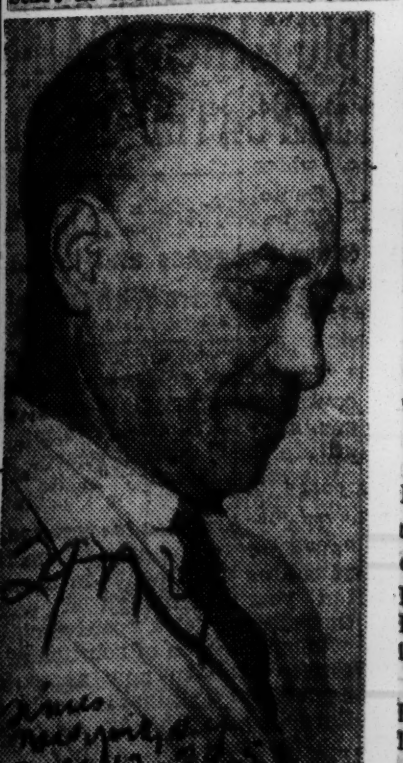
## J. E. AMOS, GUARD OF PRESIDENT IN '01

Valet Who Served Theodore  
Roosevelt and Then Became

F. B. I. Agent Dies, 74

James E. Amos, who had been bodyguard and valet to President Theodore Roosevelt and later became a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, died of a heart attack Saturday at his home, 105-01 17th Place, Jamaica, Queens. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Amos was born in Washington. His father, Joseph F. Amos, a mounted policeman, rode with President Roosevelt on daily jaunts in Rock Creek Park. The President once asked the policeman if he had a son who would like to work for him. That was how James, then 22, got his start in the White House.



Associated Press, 1942  
James E. Amos

In 1927 he wrote a book about the late President titled, "Herb to His Valet." After he had joined the F. B. I. in 1921, Mr. Amos worked out of many cities. He received several personal commendations from Di-

rector J. Edgar Hoover. He had served in the New York office before his retirement last Oct. 15, 1942 and he joined the staff of the Citizens Casualty company, where he was employed until his death.

### His Role in Spy Case

Mr. Amos played an important role in the "House on Ninety-second Street" spy case, in which thirty-three persons were sentenced for having helped to steal United States secrets for Nazi Germany. Besides having taken part in the investigation, Mr. Amos called upon his knowledge of the White House in court. After a defendant had testified that he had been a frequent visitor to the White House during "T. R.'s" tenure, Mr. Amos took the stand and repudiated this part of the testimony.

A patient, shrewd investigator, Mr. Amos once apprehended a man whom the F. B. I. had been seeking for thirteen years. The fugitive had committed murder aboard a battleship.

Mr. Amos, an expert marksman, was also a firearms specialist. Theodore Roosevelt, himself an expert with guns, had relied on Mr. Amos' knowledge in this field. Whenever the President received a new gun, Mr. Amos would test it. Unless it met his critical approval, the gun was sent back.

Mr. Amos leaves his wife, Mrs. Annie Amos.

## McDowell, 69, Travel Agent, Dies

NEW YORK — Charles A. R. McDowell, 69, first person of his race to become a Greyhound Bus company agent, was cremated last Friday following services at St. Philip Episcopal church on W. 134th st.

The Rev. Father Shelton Hale Bishop, cousin of the deceased, delivered the eulogy.

Mr. McDowell was a native of Savannah, Ga., and came to New York in 1913, where in 1930 he established an agency at 135th and Seventh ave. He gave this venture up in 1939 to become coordinator in the U. S. Travel bureau. War efforts curtailed this business in

### FISH JUBILEE SINGER

He was the uncle of Mrs. Gertrude Martin Defender book columnist and wife of Louis E. Martin, editor-in-chief of the Defender publication's and publisher of the Michigan Chronicle.

Other survivors are his wife, Marie; daughter, Nancy), three sisters, Mrs. Walter Scott, Miss Cornelia McDowell, both of Savannah, and Mrs. Joseph Greene of Washington, D. C. and a brother, Andrew who lives in New York.

Mr. McDowell was a member of the National Geographic Society, U. S. National Park association, NAACP, and for a number of years was a member of the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers.

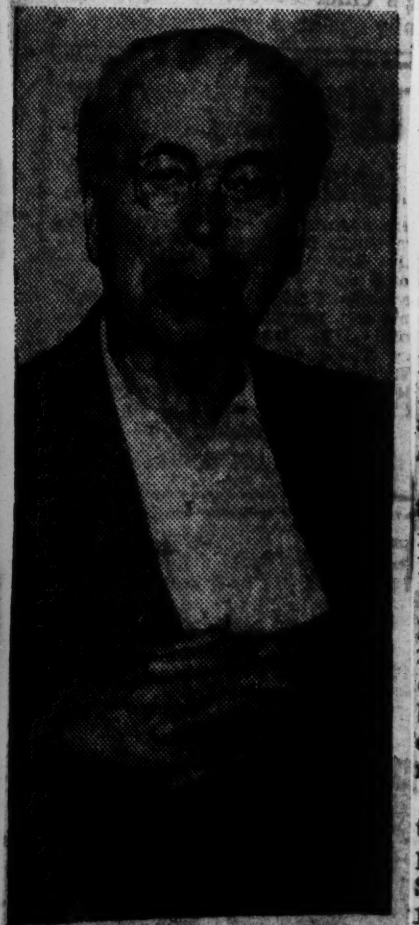


# Noted Cleric, Va. Native

## 88-Yrs. Old

By ARNOLD DE MILLE

NEW YORK — Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, sr., pastor-emeritus of the Abyssinian Baptist church and father of the Harlem congressman, died Friday night in the Harkness



REV. CLAYTON POWELL, SR., as he looked during a recent convalescence in New York.

Pavilion of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center following a emergency operation on May 28. The 88-year-old churchman was located at 435 Convent ave. He was rushed to the hospital and the operation, which required five and a half hours, was performed immediately. Shortly after the operation Dr.

Powell's condition was reported not too good. However, he continued to rally and held his own until the following Monday, when he was placed in an oxygen tank. Members of his immediate family were called to his bedside.

There was little change in his condition the remaining two weeks. He was in a coma when he passed Friday night.

Dr. Powell served as pastor of Abyssinian church for 23 years, from 1908 until 1937, when he was succeeded by Adam, jr. The church was then located in West 40th st., Midtown, New York. It moved to Harlem on West 138th st. in 1923 and now claims the largest membership of any protestant church in the city.

Born in Franklin County, Va., on May 5, 1865, of slave parents, Dr. Powell was a graduate of Union university, 1892, and received his Doctor of Divinity from Yale university, 1896. Union university, 1904, and Howard university in 1924.

The first church he served was the Emanuel Baptist church in New Haven, Conn., from 1893 to 1908, where he went after graduation from Union. He went to Abyssinian from Emanuel.

Dr. Powell was the first Negro to be elected an Elector-at-large for the Republican party in 1932. However, after being a staunch GOP member for years, he supported Franklin D. Roosevelt for re-election in 1936. His son, the congressman, is a Democrat and became New York's first Negro councilman and later congressman.

Dr. Powell was the author of three books, "Against the Tide," published in 1938, "Palestine and Saints in Caesar's Household" in 1939, and "Riot and Ruins," published in 1945 and based on Harlem's 1943 disturbance.

Funeral services were held at Abyssinian Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Dr. David N. Licorish, assistant pastor of the church presiding. The Rev. Dr. William P. Hayes, president of the New England Baptist Missionary convention, spoke for all of the Baptist organizations in the United States.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Howlett, director of released time for Protestants, Catholics and Jews, spoke for the Protestant churches and

organizations and Dr. Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the women's convention of the National Baptist convention, spoke for the women of the country.

William Warfield, concert singer and star of "Porgy and Bess," sang Dvorak's "Going Home."

Hundreds of persons poured into the church Monday night to view the body, where it lay in state, and funeral was attended by personalities from all walks of life. Members of Congress sent a floral piece.

Among the early telegrams sent to the family were those from President Eisenhower, former President Herbert Hoover and Mayor Vincent Impellitteri of New York.

Surviving, besides his son, Adam, jr. and his family is his widow the former Inez Gottrell.

**Thyra Edwards**  
Ded. Hold  
N. Y. Rites

NEW YORK CITY — Memorial services were held last Sunday at St. Philip's Episcopal church for Mrs. Thyra Edwards Gitlin, the well known social worker, formerly of Chicago and Gary, who devoted her life to aiding refugee and underprivileged children. *Sat. 7-25-53*

Mrs. Gitlin died last Thursday at Lexington hospital, following an illness which forced her return from Italy where she lived for five years. *p. 1*

Surviving are her husband, Murray Gitlin, an official of United Jewish Appeals, and three sisters, Mrs. Anna B. Dodson, of Texas; Mrs. Thelma Marshall, of Gary, Ind., mother of actor William Marshall, and Mrs. Belle Stokes, Westwood, N. J.

**Thyra Edwards, Noted Social Worker, Dies**  
NEW YORK — Miss Thyra Edwards, well known social worker, died last week at Lexington hospital after a long and lingering illness.

## Succumbs in N. Y.

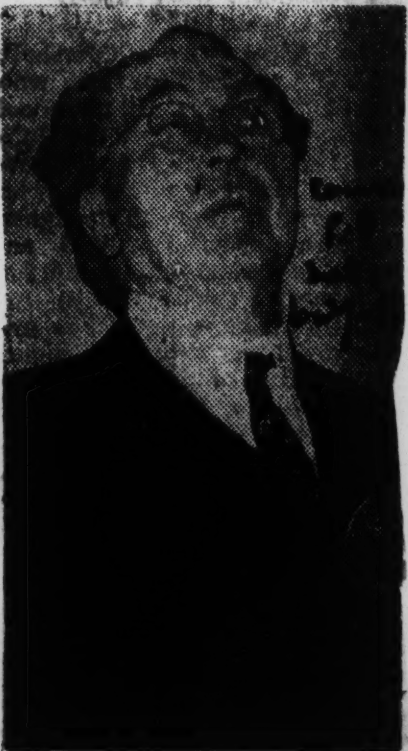
# Adam C. Powell Sr. Claimed by Death

NEW YORK—Death has stilled the voice of one of the nation's most outstanding Negro Baptist clergymen.

The Rev. Dr. Adam Clayton Powell Sr. died here on May 13 in the Harkness Pavilion of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Pastor-emeritus of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, Dr. Powell Sr. had served his denomination since 1893.

His distinguished career saw him hold the Abyssinian pastorate from 1908 to 1931, when he was succeeded by his son, Dr. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., who is also a member of the U. S. House of Representatives.

HE WAS BORN in Franklin County, Va., on May 5, 1865. His



DR. A. C. POWELL SR.

... his voice stilled by death

father, Anthony, and mother, Mrs. Sally Dunning Powell, had been slaves.

His first pastorate was that of Emanuel Church in New Haven, Conn., which he assumed immediately following his graduation from Virginia Union University in 1893. After short terms of duty at other churches, he came to New York in 1908 and took charge of Abyssinian, which was

located at the time on West Fortieth Street.

Abyssinian, long regarded as one of the largest, most influential, and oldest Negro churches in the United States was founded in 1808 by the Rev. Thomas Paul, a free, Exeter, N. H., Negro. The church moved to its present location on West 138th Street in 1923 after the completion of the edifice. *Sat. 6-27-53*

DR. POWELL'S church paid off a fifteen-year mortgage for \$60,000 in five years, as the membership had donated \$150,000 to the new structure and \$40,000 had been realized from the sale of the downtown real estate. This left Abyssinian debt-free.

The church claims a membership of over 10,000 communicants.

Dr. Powell was the author of three books, "Against the Tide" (1938), "Palestine and Saints in Caesar's Household" (1939), and "Riot and Ruins" (1945), the latter of which was an analysis of the causes and effects of Harlem riots and a listing of suggestions for the improvement of race relations.

When Harlem's black-white conflict erupted in 1943, Dr. Powell was named co-chairman of the City-wide Citizens Committee along with Algernon Black.

HE POINTED to the resentment among Negroes over the treatment accorded race soldiers in the United States and abroad, plus overcrowded housing conditions and the lack of employment opportunities for youths as major factors in the disturbances. Early in the pastor's career he became active in the NAACP and at his death was a vice president for the NAACP and a member of the board of the National Urban League.

Dr. Powell was also active in Mattie Fletcher Powell, died in politics. In 1932, he was made 1945. Besides Adam Jr., who was an elector-at-large for the first New York Negro ever to the support of Franklin D. Congress, he is survived by two Roosevelt for re-election, although grandchildren, and his second he had previously backed every Republican since Benjamin Harrison with the exception of William Howard Taft.

Dr. Powell's Sr. first wife, Mrs.



# Former N. Carolina Legislator Dies At 84

Scotland Harris  
Served Church and  
State In Long Career

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Scotland Harris, 84, legislator, teacher, and contractor, died Friday July 31, in Brooklyn, after a short illness. Funeral services were held at St. George's P. E. Church in Brooklyn at 12 noon, August 3. He was buried beside his late wife Mrs. Mary Young Harris at Clinton cemetery, Irvington, New Jersey.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Harold Marshall of Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. Oren Harris, of Tryon, North Carolina; Mrs. Henry Graham of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Ward Dade of Montclair, New Jersey and five sons, John, Ervin and Scotland E. Harris, all of Chicago, Illinois; Wilfred Harris of Montclair, New Jersey and Drexel Harris of Camp Pickett, Virginia.

MR. HARRIS was born January 15, 1869 in Littleton, North Carolina. He was educated at St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1895 he married Miss Mary Addie Young of Littleton, only sister of Messrs. P. B. Young and H. C. Young of Norfolk. To this happy union were born ten children.

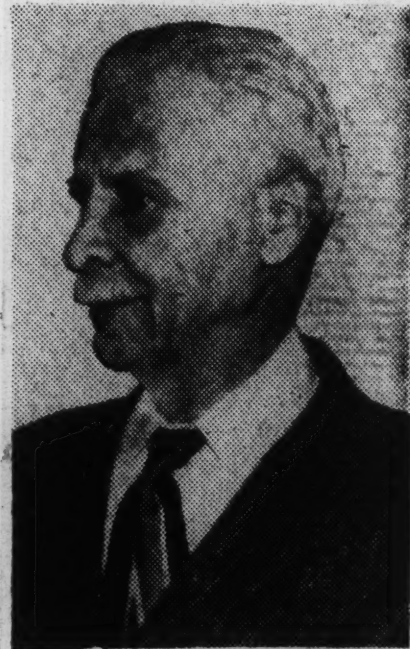
In 1894 he was elected to the Senate of the North Carolina State legislature on the fusion ticket of the Republican Party and the Populist Party, a Democratic splinter group.

AGAIN IN 1896 he was elected as Representative to the same legislature from his district in Halifax County. During this period, he was instrumental in effecting the appointment of competent Negro magistrates for every township in Halifax

County. Subsequently, he was twice nominated for Representative to the U. S. Congress from the congressional district of North Carolina.

Faced with the problem of one-party rule in the state, Mr. Harris resigned from activity on the political scene and turned his efforts to teaching and to the church.

HIS TEACHING career extended over a period of twenty-five years. He served with the public schools of Littleton from 1899 through 1908. In 1908, he began service with the Episcopal Diocese of North and South Carolina, with the appointment as principal of Tyron Industrial School. At this point, he assumed



SCOTLAND HARRIS

lay responsibilities for services at the school.

In 1915, he was transferred to the church and school at Rock Hill, South Carolina. In 1917, he began supervisory duties at St. Stephen's Church and school at Charleston, South Carolina where he remained through 1925. During this latter period, he served as lay assistant to the Archdeacon at Calvary Episcopal Church in

Charleston.

As a craftsman of unique ability, he entered the contracting field in 1924. His successful work in this field included the skillful restoration of prized woodwork and architecture in the colonial homes of Charleston's Battery Park. He retired in 1932 and spent the remaining years with his children.

## Mrs. Haynes Passes In New York City

The wife of Dr. George Edmond Haynes passed in New York Monday, the world learned yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. Haynes were prominently known in both New York and the southeast. Dr. Haynes, prominent in the field of human relations, was at one time executive secretary of the Race Relations Division of the National Council of Churches in America. He also worked for the National Urban

Mrs. Haynes, prominent in her own right, once served on the national board of the YMCA. She was also known in religious and civic circles in New York.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Abyssinian Baptist Church, W. 13th Street, New York City, N. Y. The date for services will be Thursday.

## First National "Y" Board Member Dies In New York

NEW YORK  
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Haynes, widely-known social worker and the first Negro member of the national YWCA Board, died Monday following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Haynes was the author of "The Black Boy of Atlanta," a historical biography of the late educator-banker, Major R. R. Wright.

THE DECEASED entered YWCA work after teaching school for some years in Galveston, Tex. She served as Negro

national secretary. During World War I, she was a dollar-a-year woman with the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor.

In 1935, she became Democratic co-leader of the 21st Assembly District. Much of her spare time was spent in civic work at Abyssinian Baptist Church. Mrs. Haynes was a product of Alabama State Normal, Fisk, Columbia and the University of Chicago.

Surviving are a husband, Dr. George E. Haynes, sociologist and educator; a son, George E. Haynes Jr., and two grandsons.

## MRS. G. E. HAYNES, ACTIVE IN Y. W. C. A.

First Negro National Secretary,  
a Social Worker and Author,  
Dies in Hospital Here

Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Haynes, social worker and author who was the wife of Dr. George E. Haynes of 411 Convent Avenue, sociologist and educator, died in a New York hospital yesterday after a long illness.

A graduate of the State Normal School at Montgomery, Ala., she received an A. B. from Fisk University, and, in 1923, an M. A. from Columbia. In addition, she studied for three summers at the University of Chicago.

After some years as a school teacher in Galveston, Tex., Mrs. Haynes began her work with the Young Women's Christian Association, of which she became the first Negro National Secretary, with duties largely among the colleges but also among Negroes in cities. In 1923, she was elected to the national board of the Y. W. C. A., the first of her race so honored, and subsequently she served on several committees over many years.

During World War I, Mrs. Haynes was a dollar-a-year woman with the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, and also assisted as a volunteer in the Division of Economics of that department.

She was the author of "Negroes in Domestic Service in the United States," "Unsung Heroes," life stories of noted Negroes prior to 1921; and, more recently, "The Black Boy of Atlanta," a historical account of the life and achievements of Maj. Richard Robert Wright, Negro educator and banker.

In 1935, Mrs. Haynes was named Democratic co-leader of the Twenty-first Assembly District in Harlem. She had been active in many organizations, including the National Association of Colored Women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Health Circle for Colored People, the New York Fisk University Club and the Abyssinian Baptist Church.

Besides her husband, to whom she was married in 1910, she leaves a son, George E. Haynes Jr., and two grandsons.



## Former Benedict College Dean Victim Of Crash

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Funeral services for Gurney E. Nelson who died as the result of a traffic accident, were held Dec. 23, at St. Matthew Methodist Church here.

Mr. Nelson was en route to Columbia, S.C., to spend the holidays when the automobile accident occurred. He was accompanied by his son, Gurney Jr. who survived the crash. Mr. Nelson was a former dean of Benedict College and a former principal of Washington Street School here.

### With Religious Institute

At the time of his death he was connected with the Religious Training Institute of Columbus, Ohio.

Officiating at the funeral were the Rev. Charles H. Brown of Benedict College; and the Rev. J. L. Brower, pastor of St. Matthew. Interment was in Piedmont Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers were J. A. Tarpley, Dr. W. J. Hughes, A. H. Peeler, F. B. Morris, C. Winchester and W. L. Jones. Floral bearers were:

### Floral Bearers

Mesdames and Misses Maude Windsor, Laura Weatherby, Louise Lassiter, Montrose Garrett, Lillian Harris, Sylvia Payne, Olivia Womack, Anna Moore, Alma Leach and Louise Fox.

Mr. Nelson is survived by his son, a daughter, Phyllis, a brother, George Oscar of Columbus, Ohio and a sister, Mrs. Alice Jones of Bridgeport, Conn.

## Rufus Reynolds, Retired Contractor, Dies At 94

FATHER OF COUNCILMAN:

AHOSKIE, N. C.—Rufus Reynolds, retired brick manufacturer and building contractor, died at the Ahoskie Hospital Wednesday, May 6 at the age of 94 after suffering a heart attack just a few hours before.

He was the father of Judge Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia, national civil liberties director of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World.

THE AGED MR. Reynolds, born in Winton, Hartford county, N. C., was a prominent personality throughout the county. He was well known for his civic and political activities, having voted since early manhood and participated in every civic event in the community for many years.

His latter life was devoted to the operation of a large and productive farm at Winton where he resided at the time of his death.

AN ACTIVE church worker and militant, religious leader, he served as a deacon of the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church for more than fifty years. His life was also rich in historic memories of his own activities during the reconstruction days in Dixie Land, for he lived to see the changes of a century fraught with the rapid progress of his people in North Carolina about which he often related interesting stories.

Officiating at the funeral services held at Ahoskie on Saturday, May 9, were the Rev. C. M. Smith of Wayland Temple Baptist Church, Ahoskie.

Left to mourn the deceased are three sons, Robert Reynolds of Cleveland, Ohio; Lee Roy and Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia; Susan Reynolds and Dora Banks of Winton, N. C.; also ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

## J. S. Harris, Noted Accountant, Dies

DURHAM, N. C.—James S. Harris, 84, member of a pioneer Virginia family and father of Durham City Councilman Rencher N. Harris, was buried at Beechwood Cemetery here last Saturday.

Harris, who was a native of Abington, Va., and who later served for more than 30 years as an accountant in the Navy Yard at Norfolk, Va., died at his Fayetteville Road residence. He had been an invalid for several years.

### Here For 10 Years

Prior to his retirement from the Navy Yard in 1933, Harris was outstanding in the civic and social life of the Tidewater region. About 10 years ago, he and his wife moved here where three of their children make their home.

The Harris family history in southwestern Virginia dates back to around 1783 when their Abington homeplace was built. It has been owned by the family since 1811.

Mr. Harris attended Hampton Institute and was graduated in 1888. One of the oldest Hampton alumni, he was class poet in 1888 and maintained a scholarly interest in literature and history throughout his life.

### Considered By Roosevelt

Harris' son, R. N. Harris, is the first colored city councilman here in recent times. He was elected last May.

R. N. Harris' interest in political affairs follows the tradition of his father who was at one time considered for appointment as minister to Guadalupe by President Theodore Roosevelt.

The older Harris served Elliott Roosevelt, father of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, as a young man in Virginia.

The Rev. Father F. J. Hunter officiated at the last rites for Mr. Harris.

Other survivors include Mrs.

Stella Harris, his wife, James L. Harris, Cleveland, and three daughters, Mrs. Stella H. Cleveland, Mrs. Mary J. Harris and Mrs. Harriet Tyler, Columbus, Ohio.



## LAST RITES HELD WED. FOR WELLKNOWN PATROLMAN Chief Bippus And A Host Of Citizens Attend Touching Services

Last rites for one of Hamilton's first two appointed Negro police officers—Chester A. Sampson—were held Wednesday at Payne A. M. E. church, Rev. Burnett S. Lane officiated.

Among the large crowd that attended were Chief of Police John A. Bippus and other officers from Hamilton Police Dept. and Middletown's Police Dept. Many who saw Chief Bippus, said tears were in his eyes, he was shocked that one of the city's most "faithful officers" was dead.

Flowers and messages came from far and near for Officer Sampson who had served Hamilton for 20 years. He died Sunday morning at his home, 509 South Monument ave. at the age of 60. He had recently been hospitalized, but had returned home, where he lost the battle with death.

### A Fine Singer

In addition to making



**Police Officer  
Chester A. Sampson**  
In Glee Club Uniform  
a fine record in the police department, Officer Sampson was mostly interested in singing. He was the moving spirit behind the once famous Booker T. Washington Glee Club which attract-

ed wide attention. His bass voice will be long remembered for the cheer and good race relations made in this section, as the group sung to both white and colored groups.

Once in a happy mood, he remarked to the BCA: "My heart lies in the police department and in good singing."

### A Veteran

Officer Sampson was a veteran of World War One and member of the American Legion; a member of the Fraternal Order of Police; Payne AME church; the Elks. He was active in American Legion affairs and was one of the early boosters of Lewis Whittaker Legion Post's new home.

The Fraternal Order of Police held services Tuesday at Houston Funeral Home at 8 p. m. and Pure Gold Elks Lodge held services at 9 p. m., same night.

Officer Sampson leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ester L. Martin, Akron, and Mrs. Marian E. Scott, Hamilton, two grandchildren and a host of friends.

Again at Greenwood Cemetery, a touching demonstration was held before the body of one of Hamilton's well known citizens was laid to rest.

## Widow Of Late Colonel Charles Young Is Dead

WILBERFORCE, Ohio—Ada M. Young, 73, retired teacher of Home Economics at Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 1953. Her body will lie in state at the Gateway Auditorium of Central State



**MRS. ADA M. YOUNG**

College Monday, November 23 from 11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. The final rites will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C., Wednesday, November 25.

Mrs. Young was preceded at Arlington by her husband, Col. Charles Young, graduate of West Point Military Academy, who at the time of his death in 1921 was the highest ranking Negro officer in the United States Army. She is survived by two children, Charles Noel Young, resident of Wilberforce, Ohio, and Mrs. Marie E. Ware, Head of the Music Department, Wilberforce University.

She will be mourned widely by the hundreds of students whom she taught during her 28 years of service at Wilberforce and her friends in many lands. Affectionately known as "Mother Young" she will be long remembered for her affability, her kindness and her wisdom. Her friendships are worldwide. She lived in many countries with her soldier husband. Her son was born at Wilberforce, Ohio. Her daughter was born in the Philippines. Her children received their primary and second schooling in France and Belgium. In recognition of the services of her husband, the Liberian government invited her as its guest to the recent inauguration of President Tubman in Monrovia. En route home from her trip to Africa in the Spring of 1951 she paid a last visit to friends in Portugal, Spain and France.

Mrs. Young retired from her teaching duties in June 1953 and had been in failing health since that time.



**ADA M. YOUNG, 73**, retired teacher of home economics at Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, who died Saturday, Nov. 21, was buried Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Young was the widow of the late Col. Charles Young, who at the time of his death in 1921 was the highest ranking Negro officer in the U. S. Army. Mrs. Young, who served 28 years at Wilberforce, is survived by two children, Charles Noel Young, resident dairyman, Wilberforce; and Mrs. Marie E. Ware, head of the Wilberforce Music Department.



Harry Jackson, Lincoln Heights Constable in Springfield Township was killed Thursday in an auto wreck which occurred in Butler County, near Hamilton on Ohio Route 130, about a mile east of McGonigle.

With Mr. Jackson was another Lincoln Heights man, Will Hunter, 10157 Chester Rd. who suffered a fractured ankle and other injuries. Jackson lived at 950 Lindy Lane.

It was reported that Jackson was driving a truck when a tire blew out, striking a fence, overturning, throwing him from the machine, breaking his neck.

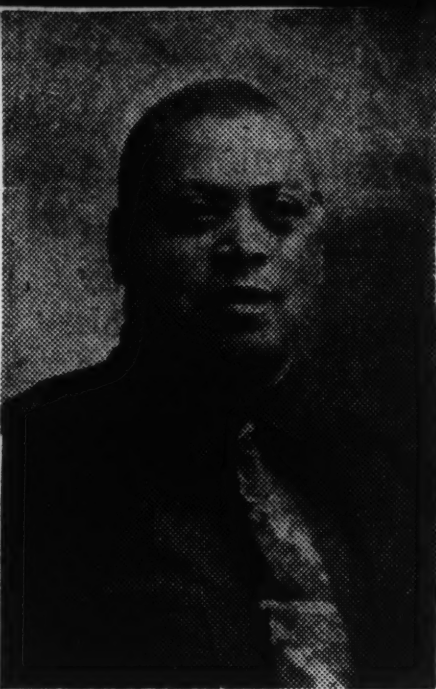
#### Wellknown In Hamilton

Constable Jackson has served long and had been reelected by Township Township citizens several times. He was well-known in Hamilton and Butler County.

Mr. Jackson owned the Jackson Fire Alarm and Detective Agency with offices in Cincinnati. Many of his clients were in Butler County. He had invented a burglar alarm which he talked about with pride.

Mr. Jackson was 55 years of age and his companion, Hunter was 67.

The Constable was affectionately called "Fire Alarm Jackson" by his many friends throughout the area.



Constable Jackson



**Undertaker Passes**

*Reynolds Dispatch*  
J. J. DAWSON

P. 1 —  
Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at Avery Chapel A. M. E. church for J. J. Dawson, Oklahoma City undertaker, who died at Edwards Memorial hospital at 5:20 m. Tuesday.

Dawson, who had been failing health for some time, was admitted to the hospital Sunday. Cause of death was not given by Dr. C. A. Barkley, who attended the aged man.

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The deceased for many years was one of the popular undertakers of the Sooner capital, coming here from Temple, Texas some 30 years ago, where he had operated a funeral home and a theatre. He has a son who is in the undertaking business in Guthrie, Okla.



## Mrs. Waring Dies In Pennsylvania

DOWNINGTOWN, Pa. — Mrs. Virginia Ruffin Waring, the wife of James H. N. Waring, for 21 years principal of Downingtown Industrial and Agricultural school, died in a hospital here last Tuesday.

Mrs. Waring retired from the Downingtown faculty about a year ago because of ill health and underwent an operation six weeks ago.

She was attended during her illness by her husband and by her two sisters, Mrs. Colley Jefferson and Mrs. Emma Hayden; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Roberta Booker; and a niece, Miss Hilda Steele.

### Funeral Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Waring were held Monday, 11 a.m., at the Church of the Ascension in West Chester, Pa. The body lay in state at the school auditorium at Downingtown from Friday through Sunday.

Burial was in Rolling Green Memorial cemetery on the West Chester Pike, Route 3, between Philadelphia and West Chester.

### Boon To School

Mrs. Waring, then Virginia Ruffin, a native of Clarksburg, W. Va., and a graduate of Howard University, joined the staff of Downingtown in September, 1924, as a teacher.

During the period of her teaching she pursued graduate courses at the University of Pennsylvania, Temple and Cornell.

Rising to be vice-principal of Downingtown, she was active in many community services and was a member of the board of directors of the Downingtown visiting Nurses association and of the family agency of West Chester.

In an interview with the APBO several years ago, Mrs. Waring gave her views as she felt when she first came to the school and combined scrubbing floors, painting classrooms, stuffing desks with straw to sleep on with her tasks of teaching English and directing the club.

Frightened Of Hubby  
She recalled the man whom she was to marry in 1933 as the professor she had at Howard U. who "scared" her so much in her first German class that she never returned for other les-



MRS. VIRGINIA WARING

sons. She was married to Mr. Waring on July 3, 1933.

Mr. Waring had come to Downingtown at the behest of his father, who preceded him as principal, from an instructorship at the Washington college.

He and his wife were an ideal team in their efforts to improve and increase the services of Downingtown school.

In addition to her husband and sisters, Mrs. Waring is survived by a brother, Guy S. Ruffin of St. Louis, Mo.

## Mrs. Waring, Educator, Dies

Mrs. Virginia Louise Waring, wife of J. H. N. Waring, Jr., principal of the Downingtown Industrial School, died yesterday at her home on the school property after a long illness.

A native of Clarksburg, W. Va., Mrs. Waring was a former vice principal of the school, where she had been on the faculty since 1924. She was a graduate of Howard University, Washington, and took postgraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and Cornell.

She was connected with community work service and was on the boards of the Downingtown Visiting Nurses Association and Family Agency of Chester.

Surviving are a brother, Guy S. Ruffin, of St. Louis, Mo., and two sisters, Colley Jefferson, of Steelton, Pa., and Mrs. Emma Hayden, of East Orange, N. J. Funeral services will be held at 11 A.M. Monday in the Chapel of the Ascension, West Chester. Burial will be in Rolling Green Memorial Park, near West Chester.



Dr. Herbert F. Mells

# Tenn. A&I Director Of Music Interred

By A. H. CALLOWAY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—In the death of Dr. Herbert F. Mells, 44, professor and director of music at Tennessee State University, last Tuesday, lovers of song and students of music recognized the loss of a man whose place cannot be readily filled.

A. and I. State University suspended classes at noon Thursday in memory of Dr. Mells. The remains were in state in the University Auditorium from 1 until 3 o'clock that afternoon. Funeral services for the deceased were held in Sanford, Fla., Sunday, Feb.

Before coming to A. and I. five years ago he taught at Winston-Salem, N. C.; Little Rock, Ark.; Langston, Okla., and Hampton Institute.

DR. MELLS was a graduate of Howard Academy, 1928; earned his master's degree in music composition at Indiana University in 1938, and his doctorate from Iowa State University in 1944. He came to Tennessee State University in 1948.

The deceased was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Kappa Phi Fraternities. He also actively associated with the Music Education National Conference and Society for the Publication of American Music, Inc.

A native of Macon, Ga., Dr. Mells was a son of Mrs. Rachel Mells, now of Sanford, Fla., and the late Rev. John Madison Mells. His death in a local hospital was attributed to a spinal ailment according to reports.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Mells; three daughters, Loretta Mells, Jean Mells and Clara Mells; a son, Herbert Mells Jr., all of Nashville; a sister, Miss Annie Mells, Sanford, and two brothers, John Mells, Donnella, Fla., and David Mells, New York.



DR. HERBERT F. MELLS

... classes were suspended at noon

## Dr. William S. Quinland Famed Medical Authority Dies In Tuskegee Hospital

Dr. William S. Quinland, noted medical authority, died Monday evening of this week at the John A. Andrews Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama, according to information given the Globe by the Rev. J. T. Patton, of the Patton Brothers, funeral directors.

As late as Wednesday morning of this week, definite arrangements had not been made for funeral arrangements here in Nashville, although it was announced that memorial services for Dr. Quinland were being held on Wednesday in Tuskegee.

News of Dr. Quinland's death came as a great shock to his hundreds of friends here in Nashville. He had been on the staff of Meharry Medical College for many years prior

to leaving for Tuskegee, where he was given a key assignment at the famous Veterans Hospital.

It was reported that he had been seriously ill for about ten days. However, about two years ago he suffered a serious attack and had not been fully well since then.

Mrs. Sadie W. Quinland, wife of the physician, and a teacher in Pearl Elementary School, rushed to Tuskegee last week as soon as she got word of Dr. Quinland's serious illness. Also, Dr. Quinland's daughter, Mrs. Ellen Quinland Smith, of the Dental faculty at Meharry also rushed to Tuskegee.

Dr. Quinland went to the Alabama city after learning of his death.

Dr. Quinland was a prominent member of Holy Trinity Church of this city. One of the two Quinland children,

William S. Quinland, was accidentally drowned at a vacation resort near Detroit, Michigan more than ten years ago.

Wednesday morning of this week, Patton Brothers stated that they were awaiting word from Mrs. Quinland announcing arrangements for Dr. Quinland's funeral.

## Dr. Quinland Funeral Held In Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services for the Dr. William S. Quinland, pathologist and chief of laboratory service at Tuskegee VA hospital, were held in Christ Episcopal church here recently.

It was the second time in Nashville history a white church had been used for the final rites for a Negro.

A native of Antigua, B. W. I., Dr. Quinland had been chairman of pathology at Meharry medical college for 25 years before going to Tuskegee six years ago.

A Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he received an honorary doctor of science degree in 1946 from the University of Pennsylvania.

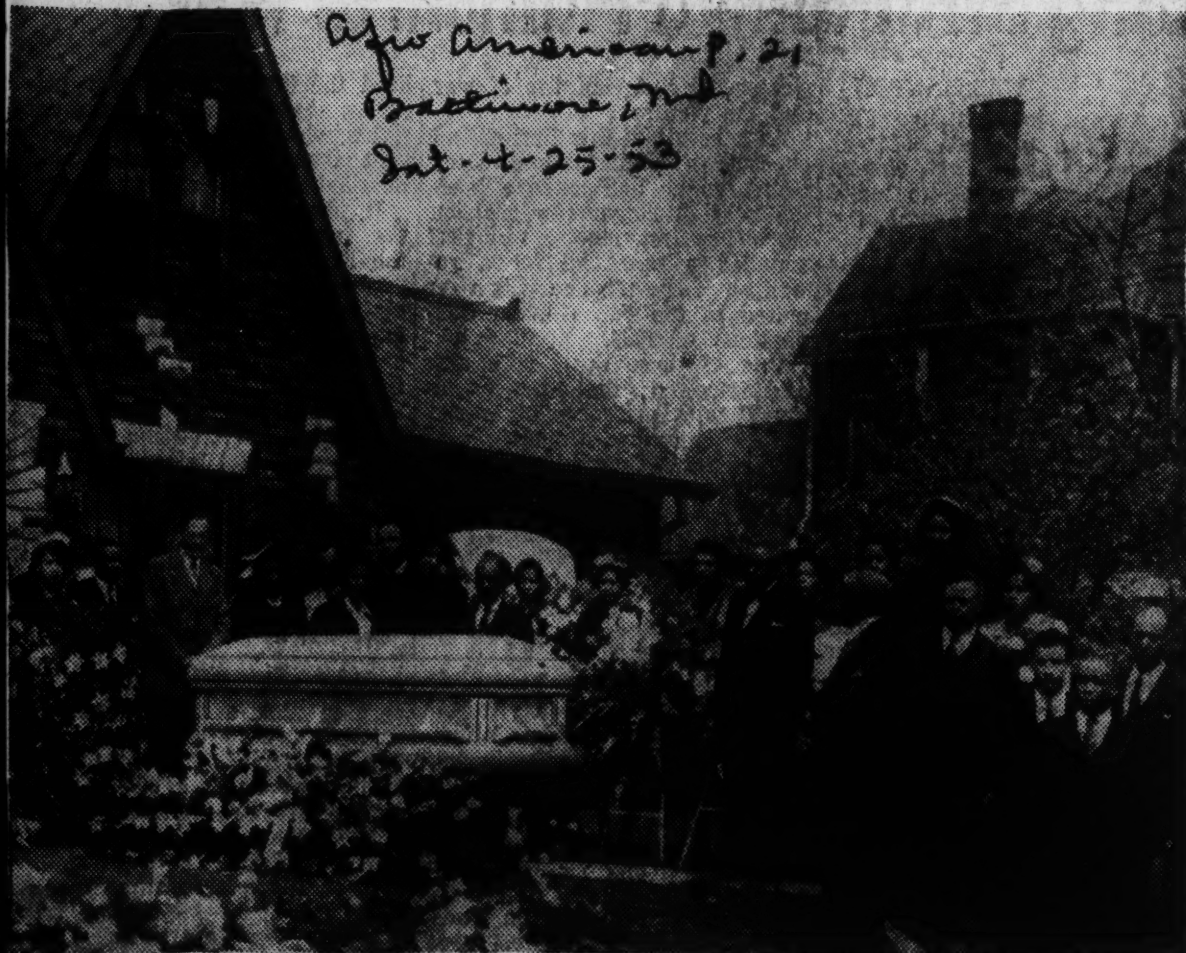
Dr. Quinland was also a member of the National Medical association, the American Medical association and the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists.

He was author of 29 publications on pathology and was working on three studies at the time of his death.

Dr. Quinland is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sadie Quinland, a daughter, Dr. Ellen Q. Smith, two brothers and three sisters.



# Bury Pathologist, Dr. W. S. Quinland



By W. A. REED Jr.  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Final rites for Dr. William S. Quinland, brilliant pathologist and chief of laboratory service at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee, were held here Saturday in Christ Episcopal church, the Revs. George E. Harper and Peyton R. Williams officiating.

Dr. Quinland died April 6 following a brief illness at Tuskegee. He had served there for six years and previously had been chairman of the department of pathology at Meharry medical college for 25 years.

A native of Antigua, West Indies, Dr. Quinland was educated in that country, at Harvard university, Oskaloosa college in Iowa and Meharry. In 1946, he was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of science from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and author of 29 publications relating to

his field of endeavor. He was the author of 29 technical publications and at the time of his death was working on three scientific studies.

Dr. Quinland's name since 1922 has been listed in such books as "Who's Who in World of Medicine," "American Men of Science" and "Who's Who in America." His membership in fraternal organizations included Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Pi Scholastic society and Beta Kappa Chi scientific society.

He was a member of the National Medical association, American Medical association, the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists and was a member of the local Agora Assembly and the Holy Trinity churchmen's club.

He served as treasurer of Holy Trinity PE church 25 years. Dr. Quinland was a Rosenwald fellow in pathology and bacteriology at Harvard medical school from 1919-1922.

## Funeral Held Down Town

The funeral services, held at Christ church on Broad st.

marked the second time in Nashville history that a church with a white congregation had been used for the final tribute to a colored churchman.

A funeral cortege that contained three flower cars and nearly a hundred other vehicles, wended its way from Dr. Quinland's South Nashville home to the downtown church and then to Greenwood cemetery.

The brief services were led by the Rev. Mr. Harper, vicar of Holy Trinity, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Williams, rector of Christ church. They began with an organ prelude by F. Arthur Henkle and continued with the singing of "Love That Will Not Let Me Go," reading of the 90th and 27th Psalms and a solo, "Going Home," by the Rev. Jerome I. Wright.

Active pallbearers were Dr. J. B. Singleton, A. J. Foster, M. E. Tipton, Albert Gunter, Drs. John T. Barnes, Matthew Walker, J. R. Cuff, H. D. West and G. S. Meadows.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Agora assembly, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, faculty members of Meharry medical college, R. F. Boyd Medical Society of Nashville, VA staff of Tuskegee, and Capitol City dental society.

Patton Brothers funeral home was in charge.

## Wife, Children Survive

Surviving are Dr. Quinland's wife, Mrs. Sadie Quinland, a daughter, Dr. Ellen Q. Smith; two brothers, Walter of Panama and Edgar Quinland of NYC; three sisters (all of Panama) Mesdames Paul A. Taylor, Set-tica Smith and Vivian McCarthy, and a son-in-law, Lt. James A. Smith.

Dr. Quinland during his many years of service directed clinics in Richmond, Va., Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga. He was a reserve surgeon in the U. S. Public Health Service and a contributor to many technical magazines, including one in Punjab, India.

## 'Hung Up' Many 'Firsts'

A social pioneer, Dr. Quinland hung up a number of "firsts" were not mentioned in this convention, although a special class dealt with by implication; for the treaty initiated he hihero war casuals should be cared for regardless of the side they had fought on simply because they were sick or wounded.

Thus th ratifying nations, in effect, agreed to tend the sick or wounded prisoners of war they captured.

## Hague Parley Significant

Prisoners of war were specifically mentioned for the first time at the third convention held at the Hauge in 189.

The first of 17 articles devoted to POW's provides that they are the captors of the hostile government, not of the individual or corps capturing them. Others called for establishment of bureaus for transmittal of information about captives, and provided for their maintenance, their parole, and their labor while prisoners.

**'Mrs. Janie' Dies In Tenn.**

Established TSU's Cafeteria System

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In the untimely death of Mrs. Janie E. Elliott last Friday morning June 12, Tennessee State university lost a worker, who had given

over 30 years of devoted service to the university's growth and development.

Mrs. Elliott, 72, and native of Raleigh, N.C., had been ill for quite some time. She founded the cafeteria system at Tennessee A. and I. in 1924, the first to be established in a colored college, and the original one, it is believed, to be established in the South.

Teacher and missionary worker, Mrs. Elliott's early years were spent in the public schools of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

## Life Membership

In recognition of her contribution to missionary work in the state of Alabama, she was the recipient of a certificate for life membership in the Woman's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church of North America.

Mrs. Elliott was affectionately known by the Tennessee State university students as the "Kappa Sweetheart." On Nov. 23, 1949, A and I State university honored "Mrs. Janie," along with two other members of the university, Mrs. Martha M. Brown and R. E. Clay. The building, which houses the cafeteria which Mrs. Elliott has founded, was officially named the "Jane E. Elliott Building."

In addition to her sister, Mrs. Lavinia Dumas, Mrs. Elliott is survived by six nieces, two nephews and seven grand nieces and nephews.



Buried From White Church

# Final Quinland Rites Held in Nashville

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He had served there for six years and before that time had been chairman of the department of pathology at Meharry Medical College, a position he filled for twenty-five years.

A NATIVE of Antigua, British West Indies, the late pathologist was educated in that country, Harvard University, Oskaloosa College, Iowa, and Meharry Medical College.

Funeral services for Dr. Quinland were held at Christ Episcopal Church on Broad Street and marked the second time in Nashville history that a church with a white congregation had been used for the final rites of a Negro churchman.

A funeral cortege of flowers, vehicles and nearly a hundred cars wended its way from Dr. Quinland's South Nashville home to the downtown church and to Greenwood Cemetery.

SERVICES WERE led by the Rev. George E. Harper, vicar of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Peyton Williams, rector of Christ Church.

Active pallbearers at the Quinland funeral were Dr. J. B. Singleton, A. F. Foster, M. E. Tipton, Albert Gunter, Dr. John T. Barnes, Dr. Matthew Walker, Dr. J. R. Cuff, Dr. H. D. West and Dr. G. S. Meadows.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Agora Assembly, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, members of Meharry Medical College

faculty, R. F. Boyd Medical Society of Nashville, members of the veterans' staff of Tuskegee, Ala., and members of the Capitol City Dental Society.



DR. W. S. QUINLAND  
...buried in Nashville, Tenn.

## Prominent Tenn. State Worker Dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —In the untimely death of Mrs. Janie E. Elliott early Friday morning, June 12, Tennessee State university lost a worker, who had given over 30 years of devoted service to the university's growth and development.

Mrs. Elliott, native of Raleigh, N. C., had been ill for quite some time. However, she had never completely given in to full meaning of retirement, and the Tennessee State university family saw her of-

ten on her purposeful strolls on the campus.

Mrs. Elliott, 72, founded the cafeteria system at Tennessee A and I in 1924, the first to be established in a Negro college, and the original one, it is believed, to be established in the South. She sought constantly and untiringly to improve the health of students through well-balanced meals served in cafeteria style under the most beautiful and pleasant surroundings.



At Rest — Mrs. Janie E. Elliott, founder of the cafeteria system at Tennessee A and I State University, succumbed in Nashville last week. Mrs. Elliott, a native of Raleigh, N. C., was 72 years old and had worked at Tennessee A. and I for thirty years.



# Leader Dies After Three-Week Illness

Rev. S. A. Pleasants will be buried Thursday from the church he pastored for more than a quarter of a century.

The leader of St. John Baptist Church on Dowling died at St. Elizabeth's hospital early Sunday morning after having been critically ill since March 16.

During his illness, there had been repeated rumors that he had died and Mrs. Pleasants had been deluged with telegrams and messages of condolence.

Religious leaders from all over the nation express a deep sorrow at the death of a minister who is considered one of the country's leading religious figures.

Rev. Pleasants preached his last sermon on March 15. After he was stricken, he made arrangements for his funeral, notifying each person who was to appear on the program.

Mrs. Pleasants, who appeared calm, said she informed her husband of the funeral arrangements two days after he suffered the fatal attack.

"He wanted no resolutions, no group singing, only music, and a quiet rest of the program as he outlined it," she said.

"I wanted a brief service and told my daughter and me to wear white and to shed no tears. Let others cry, but we must be strong and firm, because we have been loving and faithful and had never caused each other sorrow. Therefore, we have nothing to regret," she added.

REV. PLEASANTS' body will lie in state at the Morrison Funeral Home at 11 p.m. Wednesday at the church from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday. Interment will be in Paradise cemetery.

Mrs. Pleasants said that the body will not be for view at which is scheduled Thursday.

Four prominent ministers will officiate at the funeral. They are:

REV. A. A. LUCAS, Good Hope Missionary church and president of the National Baptist Convention. He is also treasurer of the National Baptist Convention.

America;

REV. L. H. SIMPSON, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, president of the City Baptist Minister's Association;

REV. DR. HENRY H. BOYD, secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Association of Nashville, Tenn.;

REV. M. L. PRICE, pastor of the Greater Zion Baptist Church.

Rev. Pleasants was vice president of the National Baptist Convention of America and Moderator of the Lincoln Association.

The Rev. Pleasant has pastored St. John since 1925, and has watched it grow from a membership of 280 to approximately 4,000. He has been an outstanding leader at St. John and has been influential in ministerial organizations as the National Baptist convention, and the Houston Baptist Ministerial Alliance.

He was born in Cuero, Texas in 1879 where he attended high school. He later attended Guadalupe college. He later married the former Miss Pansy O. Le Grendne in October 22, 1913, a recent Prairie View graduate and teacher at that time. In 1925 he moved to Houston.

Prior to his appointment here he has held pastorates at the Sweet Home Baptist church in Seguin, Texas; the Mount Zion Baptist church in Edgar, Texas, and Macedonia Baptist church in Cuero.

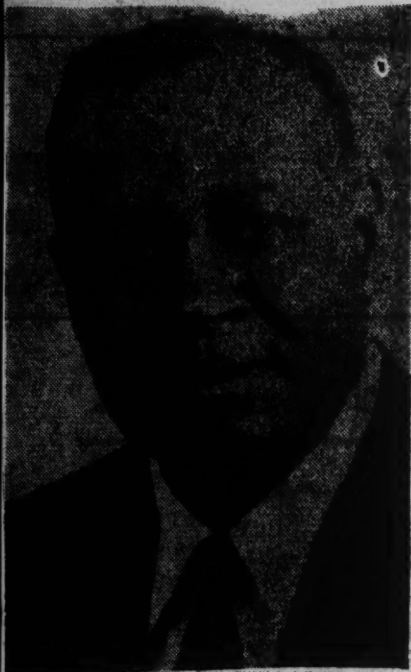
In addition to his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Theola Orealla Pleasants Woods; a son-in-law, Mr. J. J. Woods; a grandson, Sanderson A. Woods, and a granddaughter, Miss Henrine O. Woods, all of Prairie View, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services at St. John Sunday were conducted without any mention of the death of its leader until just before the benediction when Mrs. Pleasants made the announcement of the funeral.



# A. L. Turner, Well Known Educator, Dies

CARTHAGE, Texas — Anthony Luther Turner, 65, died at Panola General hospital in Carthage.



A. L. Turner

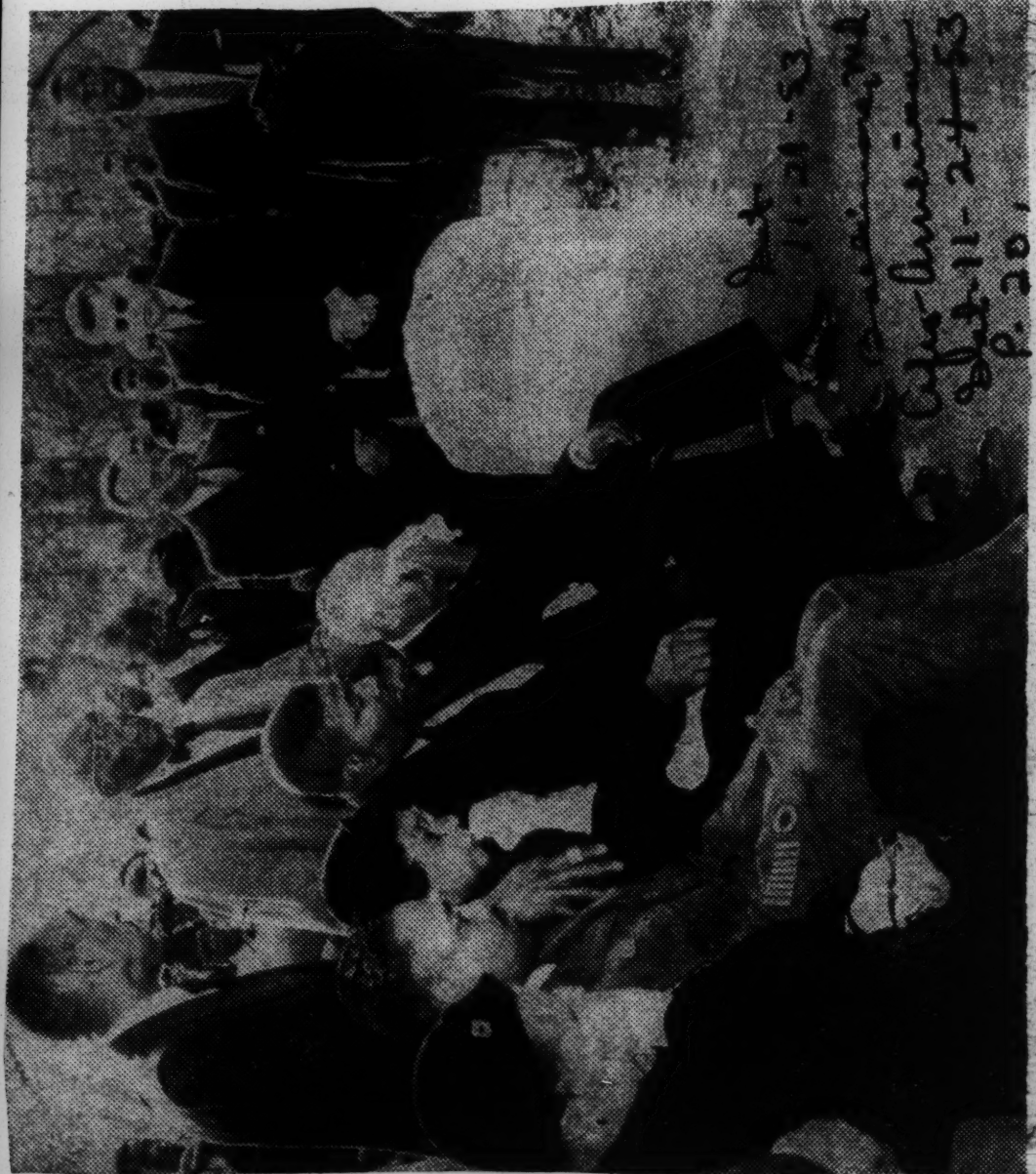
Monday, December 15.

A. L. Turner received his education in Guadalupe College, Texas College at Tyler, and The University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado. He taught summer school at Texas College for 2 years and in 1945 in recognition of his work in the teaching profession he was offered the presidency of Butler College.

Mr. Turner was president of the East Texas Association of Colored Teachers and president of the East Texas Association of Colored Teachers 1939 to 1940. He was united with the Bethlehem Baptist church in Carthage and was ordained a deacon. He was a member of the St. Joseph Masonic Lodge No. 174 of Timpan.

Surviving his wife, Mrs. Briana Turner of Carthage and his sister, Mrs. Deleto Curtis, of Trinity, Texas.





the members of the family, Miss Eloise Walker, daughter; M/Sgt. William Walker, son; Miss Grace Walker, daughter; James T. Walker, cousin; and the Rev. James F. Walker, brother.

T. C. Walker, former attorney. Mr. Walker was buried in his beloved Gloucester county beside the body of his wife, Mrs. Ellen Young Walker, who died in 1950. Seated on the left are

**BURIED BESIDE WIFE** — While an interracial crowd of more than 1,000 persons gathered around, the Rev. S. L. Whitney (far right) says the last rites over the body of the



Bethel Baptist church in Gloucester following a quiet and dignified 45-minute service.

civic leader and oldest practicing attorney in the state at the time of his death.

**"ASHES TO ASHES"** — Pallbearers carry the body of T. C. Walker, Virginia

## 1,000 follow Walker bier;

300 cars used

Noted attorney was educator, Solon, Minister

By LEE BARROW

GLOUCESTER COUNTY, Va. — More than 1,000 persons journeyed to a small county church in some 300 cars to pay their final respects to Thomas Calhoun Walker, dean of Virginia's lawyers, who died Nov. 5 at the

age of 91. The services started at 2 p.m. But virtually every seat in Bethel Baptist church was filled by 1:30.

Outside they hovered around the door or stood by their cars and waited for the burial ceremonies. Inside they stood in the aisles and listened quietly to the program participants.

"He was a giant oak of the forest," A. W. Lemon, Bethel deacon, said. "He spread his branches far and near and spread the gospel of good will amongst both races."

Mr. Walker had been a member of Bethel church for nearly 70 years.

A white-haired judge, C. G. Jones, Gloucester, said, "This I believe. That he so walked the face of the earth that he now walks the fields of heaven, reaping the reward he so richly deserved."

Dr. J. M. Ellison, president, Virginia Union university, declared, "He (Mr. Walker) was an outstanding example of thrift and moral character."

"He thought of himself as a minister and believed that the people needed no message more valuable than this. 'Buy some land. Pay your taxes. Build your home and be a good citizen.'"

"He was a solon of rare stature . . . A man who loved people who gave himself to them that he might do his share to make people happy, good and safe in their communities."

A baby occasionally cried during the services. There was the usual sporadic coughing. But for the most part the huge throng listened quietly during the dignified, 45-minute service, conducted by the Rev. S. L. Whitney, Bethel pastor.

Last Link

Called by many the last link

between the old and the new, Mr. Walker was a student of Booker T. Washington and a leader in Gloucester county and the state of Virginia for most of his 91 years.

He was graduated from Hampton Institute in 1883 and was admitted to the bar three years later after studying in the offices of a Gloucester lawyer.

Judge Jones said, Mr. Walker "was the oldest practicing lawyer in Virginia at time of death. When he started practicing, not a single member of the Gloucester bar was born."

Others who participated in the funeral services included members of the Hampton Institute choir; Jeremiah Thomas, Hampton, who sang a solo, and the Rev. Victor Anthony 3rd, Bellamy, who read the scriptures.

The dean of Virginia lawyers is survived by a brother, the Rev. James F. Walker; two daughters, Miss Grace Walker and Miss Eloise Walker; and a

son, M/Sgt. William Walker.

Following the funeral services, he was buried beside his wife, Mrs. Ellen Young Walker, who died in 1950.

## Walker Dies Hampton's Oldest Grad

By CARTER JEWEL

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ownership among Virginia Negroes. He served as president of the Negro Organization Society for a number of years.

## T.C. (Tom) Walker dies at 91; friend of Booker T.

By TOM MITCHELL

HAMPTON, Va. — Within the shadows of the aged trees under which he played with Booker T. Washington and R. R. Moton, Thomas Calhoun Walker died Thursday at the age of 91.

Dean of Virginia's lawyers he was admitted to the Virginia bar in 1886 by the circuit judge in his native Gloucester county.

T. C. Walker believed in the land and he preached the value of land ownership as a preacher taught the Bible. From one end of Virginia to the other he taught his creed.

At the same time he tied in the land with self-reliance and race development through the character of men and women and the stability and growth through service of the institutions they led and governed.

Stuck to His Course  
Tom Walker never veered from his course. Earlier this summer he told the Hampton ministers conference "Freedom is measured by ownership of the land or other assets which go into the tax hopper."

That was a great part of the great Virginian's staunch principles.

Like his contemporaries Washington and Moton he was a builder of the race by the race and for the race. Like his contemporaries he went to white citizens with pleas for help but with full confidence of a fellow-Christian seeking to lift himself in the eyes of fellowman and God.

### Fought For School

T. C. Walker plugged for schools when there were none—and got them. He fought for hospitals like Piedmont sanitarium at Burkeville and got them.

During the darkest hours of the depression he served as WPA and CWA consultant and demanded schools for colored pupils. Many of the Rosenwald schools and CWA schools are a tribute to the efforts of the Gloucester attorney.

So entrenched was his creed of self-help for citizens of color that he never fell in line with movements for court enforced improvements for educational facilities and opportunities.

Mr. Walker was active in affairs of the Negro Organization

Society founded at Hampton to build and encourage development of community welfare groups. His influence at State capitol, Richmond, was largely responsible for its annual \$10,000 appropriation from the State of Virginia.

At the time of his death he was the oldest practicing attorney in Virginia.

### Had Only 92 Cents

Born in Gloucester, Va., June 16, 1862, his early life was a struggle for survival in a state torn by the Civil War. As a youth he set out to acquire an education and arrived at Hampton Institute in 1880 with 92 cents in his pockets.

Unable to qualify for Hampton's lowest class he appealed to Booker T. Washington who made arrangements for Walker to attend a night class in order to learn enough to catch up with the institute class.

Mr. Walker recently recalled that he worked 10 hours daily and attended classes at night. He passed the Hampton entrance examination and was graduated on June 16, 1883.

He returned to his native Gloucester where he acquired considerable property. The first colored high school in Gloucester county was built on a site donated by Mr. Walker.

### Founded Training School

He was founder and supervising principal of the Gloucester county training school, a building agent for Julius Rosenwald fund schools in Virginia; one of the organizers of the state board of charities, which is now the state board of public welfare. He was a justice of the peace for six years; a member of the board of county supervisors for six years; was collector of customs at Tappahannock for seven years.

Mr. Walker was also organizer of the Gloucester Land and Brick Co.; a member of the Virginia inter-racial commission, National Teachers Association, Gloucester bar association and the Elks.

He is survived by two daughters and a brother James W. Walker of Frederick Md. Funeral services were held Monday at Gloucester.



**NOTED LEADER DIES — T. C. Walker, oldest practicing attorney in Virginia and top State GOP leader, who died at a Hampton hospital last Thursday. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday at Bethel Baptist church in Gloucester county. Burial will be in the church cemetery.**

## Veteran Norfolk editor buried

NORFOLK, Va. (ANP)—Simple Episcopal rites were held here recently for Clifton L. Williams, veteran Norfolk Journal and Guide reporter. He died at Norfolk General hospital on Sunday, Nov. 15.

He entered the newspaper work without special training, but rose from utility man with the Norfolk paper to the position of city editor, which he held for several years. For 11 years, he wrote the popular column entitled "Looking On in Norfolk."

Attending the funeral were members of the newspaper staff and workers from other departments of the Guide plant. He was a prominent member of Greater Norfolk lodge of Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Williams, Willow Grove, Pa.; one son, Clifton L. Williams Jr. Meriden, Conn.; three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Vivian Lucas, Mrs. Cyther Irene Seaforth and Miss Gwendolyn Irene Williams, Willow Grove, Pa.; two brothers, the Rev. J. R. Williams, Norfolk

## A Tribute To T. C. Walker

### AN EDITORIAL

T. C. Walker was a Republican who knew how to live with Democrats; a Baptist who understood the common heritage of all men in God; a Conservative who met progressive movements with demands that they prove themselves.

As a statesman, who at one time in the 91 years of his life held an appointment from President William McKinley, he stood unequivocally for full American stature for Americans of color.

To Mr. Walker, this condition was predicated upon the historic Republican principles of the intrinsic worth of the individual.

His activities were directed along those lines. T. C. Walker was a builder of schools for Virginia's children of color. He begged and he borrowed to see that schools were established across the Old Dominion State that young people could be lifted up.

The old warrior believed that through self-reliance and the help of white friends, the tone of the culture of those of African descent could be raised. T. C. Walker was not an integrationist in the modern dialectics of the term.

T. C. Walker believed in colored institutions advancing in the proud march of all American institutions. He never left that path of reasoning. When he met with white people he met them on terms of equality. His last fight in Gloucester was a point in proof. A believer in temperance, he rallied the forces against establishment of an ABC store there.

The old warrior stayed in the ranks of Republicanism because he was still fighting the Lincolnian struggle of liberation for the African strain with the full hope and the full faith that the American institution of liberty and justice would enable the freedman to build his farms, his churches, his business, his lodges and his life on an American pattern of co-operative endeavor.

He wanted the colored man to be thrifty, trained and a good citizen as the way to full participation. All his works were toward this end.

From white citizens he wanted only help, which he felt they alone had the resources to give, and respect for the colored community trying to lift itself toward the better American life.

T. C. Walker lived what he believed—that the road to the future was charted by the builders of institutions. He chose to dedicate his life to pointing the way to build those institutions.

He leaves a heritage for men of good will to restudy the proposition that strong personal character and advancing our institutions have a role to play in the full hope of the American dream of equality of opportunity.

His works mark him as a great Virginian and a great American who served his time and his age.

and Wayman A. Williams, Deep Creek, and other relatives.



## Bury Va. Union Univ. Teacher

RICHMOND, Va. — Funeral services for Dr. J. A. Brinkley, former professor at Virginia Union university, were held at Piney Grove Baptist church in Princess Anne county Sunday.

One-time pastor of the church in which his last rites were held, the 73-year-old educator was widely known as a teacher and minister. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. C. Diamond, pastor of First Baptist church, Norfolk.

## Hampton Trustee Is Dead At 76

HAMPTON, Va. — J. Henry Scattergood, 76, ex-president of the Hampton Institute board of trustees and retired industrialist, died Monday.

A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Scattergood, widely known in educational circles, was an active welfare worker and held public offices in the city, state, and nation.

His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Deane Scattergood, a son, and three daughters, survive.

## 'Uncle Henry' Swain, 95, Pal Of Booker T., Dies

BOOKER WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE, Va. — Henry Swain, 95-year-old resident of Franklin County, Va., died at Burrell Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, Va. March 16. "Uncle Henry" as he was known throughout Franklin County was the last of the boyhood friends of Booker T. Washington.

He could recall vividly incidents on the Old Burrough's Plantation when he and Booker T. Washington did the many chores that were assigned to slave children to do. The farewell that he waved to young Booker as he left Franklin County for Malden, W. Va., after freedom was declared, was one of his favorite topics of conversation.

Mr. Swain was instrumental in supplying much historical data in connection with the establishment of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial. The Commonwealth of Virginia erected a replica of the cabin in which Booker T. was born on the location designated by "Uncle Henry" as the site of the original cabin.

### Present For Truman

In 1946 Mr. Swain made a trip to Washington, D. C., to present to President Harry S. Truman the first Memorial half dollar issued by the U. S. Treasury to honor Booker T. Washington. Mr. Truman was especially kind to the old gentleman. Pictures were made with the President which were carried by the press of the nation.

According to S. J. Phillips, president of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, "Uncle Henry" was one of the best and most reliable sources of information on the boyhood days of Booker T. Washington.

Mr. Phillips states too that Uncle Henry was especially proud of the Memorial established at the Birthplace of Booker T. Washington. He was never too busy to attend the various gatherings held there, or to give information to the many people who interviewed him on these occasions.

In spite of his advanced age, Uncle Henry owned and operat-

ed a 156-acre farm not far from the birthplace of Booker T. Washington. He is survived by a wife, two sons, two daughters and other relatives.

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## J. H. Elliott Buried With Military Honors

PORTSMOUTH — J. Herman Elliott, retired Navy man, formerly of Portsmouth, who died June 15, in Philadelphia, was buried with military honors June 19 in the National Cemetery, Beverly, N. J.

Funeral services were held at the Black and White Funeral Home, with Rev. M. Lee officiating.

MR. ELLIOTT WAS the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Elliott, of Portsmouth. He resided at 1814 Titan street, Philadelphia. His active Navy service and as a member of the Reserve totaled 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Iola Gayle Elliott, formerly of Portsmouth; brother, John M.

Elliott, Portsmouth mail carrier and businessman; a half-sister Mrs. Hedgler, of New York; step-mother, Mrs. Mary Elliott, of Portsmouth, and other relatives.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED the rites from this city were Mr. and Mrs. John M. Elliott, of Glasgow street, and Miss R. Ethelyn Gayle of Carroll street, sister of the wife of the deceased.

## Mrs. Aloise B. Epperson Poet, Fatally Stricken

NORFOLK — Mrs. Aloise Barbour Epperson of Washington, D. C., a widely-known and admired Norfolk-born poet, died early Monday morning in a Norfolk hospital as the result of a sudden attack of cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Epperson was stricken Saturday afternoon immediately upon her arrival in this city from Washington on a regular visit to friends and relatives.

MOTORING HERE in company with Mrs. Avis P. Robinson, also a Norfolkian residing in the Capital, she was in normal health enroute until just before the couple reached their destination, the home of Mrs. Mary L. Tyler, 2429 West avenue, where Mrs. Epperson was to be guest in company with her sister, Mrs. Leona Barbour Dudley.

Mrs. Dudley arrived here Sunday morning from Tugaloo, Miss., where she is an instructor at Tugaloo College.

MRS. EPPERSON was the composer of two popular volume of poetry. The first, published some years ago, was entitled "The Hills of Yesterday," and the second, which came off the press this year, is entitled "Unto My Heart."

She was the daughter of the late Tom and Mrs. Lula Barbour, a prominent family residing on Cumberland street which in her youth was one of

the most sedate and residential thoroughfares in Norfolk.

SHE ATTENDED Norfolk Mission College, operated by the Presbyterian Church, for a number of years, and as a student gained wide popularity. She was the widow of James I. Epperson. Funeral arrangements had not been announced at press time.



## "Oldest Grad" Buried In Va.

BY CARTER JEWEL

GLOUCESTER, VA. (A N P)—White and Negro residents of Gloucester county and many counties and cities of Virginia and nearby states gathered here Monday, Nov. 9, to witness the funeral for Thomas Calhoun Walker.

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Walker was instrumental in establishing two scholarships of \$1,000 each for women students at Hampton. He was also for a time president of the National Hampton Institute Alumni Association.

In 1893 Walker was appointed by president William McKinley as collector of customs for Tappahanneck District. Walker is survived by two daughters, Miss Noize Walker, Gloucester, and Miss Grace Walker, New York City, a brother James W. Walker, Fredricks, Md., and other relatives.

## Thomas Calhoun Walker; Last Of The Old Guard

FEW men made a larger contribution to progress in his day and time than Thomas Calhoun Walker, Virginian, who died last week at the age of 91 years.

Teacher, farmer, lawyer, diplomat, statesman, philanthropist, all of these combined—and some more—might accurately identify the man.

Mr. WALKER was born and lived all of his life in rural Virginia. The little town of Gloucester Court House was his home.

He occupied a modest but spacious residence on the main street of the town, but he was far more than a citizen of Gloucester. He was a Virginian, first and last. He was known in every county, town and city in Virginia. But, outside of the State Mr. WALKER was not so well known.

In the first place he was a modest and retiring man, never seeking newspaper headlines. His name and biography will not be found in any Who's Who in America, or Who's Who in Colored America, or in any directory of notable people. Still, he had far more right to a place in Who's Who in America than many of those who are in there.

He had one honorary degree, awarded him by Virginia Union University in 1951, after he had passed 85 years of age.

His interests were more in things spiritual, not material, although he gathered a goodly competence and knew how to protect it. But he gave away much of his means to aid worthy people who were in need. He liked to send a deserving boy or girl to school, and to assist in building rural school houses. He contributed leadership to the whole movement for "Better Homes, Better Health, Better Schools and Better Farms" in Virginia. And his contribution to better race relations was immense.

Mr. WALKER belonged to an American institution, of which he was, perhaps, the sole survivor. He was an annointed, and appointed, Negro leader, in the sense that

BOOKER WASHINGTON, ROBERT R. MOTON and W. E. B. DuBois were leaders. They were individuals whose voices commanded respect in Governors' mansions, in the White House and in other high places in the Nation. WASHINGTON and MOTON and many others are dead, but DuBois went over so far to the left in the evening of his life, that although he is living—an octogenerian and active—he is no longer effective in so far as Negro leadership is concerned.

Leadership now is by group action. Especially able and wise men are called upon for counsel, but by the very nature of the times and of the changes that have occurred, these men are a part of an organized body of some kind, working for great causes.

This is not unusual in American life. We used to hear of MORGAN, VANDERBILT, CARNEGIE, ROCKEFELLER and others as great leaders in American business and industry. No similar personalities took their places. We hear now of the National Manufacturers Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the League of American Municipalities, the AFL, CIO, NAACP Southern Regional Council, et cetera.

With the passing of THOMAS CALHOUN WALKER, the last of the Old Guard has answered the final summons. He was one of the successful individual leaders of his times, which covered nearly the last half of the nineteenth, and nearly the first half of the twentieth centuries.

## T.C. Walker Buried At Gloucester

Oldest Lawyer In  
State Rose From  
Slave Beginning

GLOUCESTER, Va.

Residents of all parts of Virginia, the wealthy and the poor, the high and the low, gathered at Gloucester Courthouse Monday to pay their final tribute to Thomas Calhoun Walker, a white-haired, 91-year-old ex-slave.

Up to a month before his death, Mr. Walker was the oldest practicing lawyer in the state. His career dated back to 1886 when he was admitted to the bar in Gloucester County Circuit Court.

BORN IN slavery in 1862, his early years were spent in a hand-to-mouth existence in Civil War-time and postwar Virginia. Seeking an education, he went to Hampton Institute in 1880. Upon arrival there, with 92 cents in his pocket, he found that he was not sufficiently advanced to enter even the school's lowest grade. As a result of the intercession of the late Booker T. Washington, young Walker and a group of 10 others were permitted to enter a special night class to catch up with the lowest class in the institute.

THREE YEARS later, in June, 1883, he graduated and at the time of his death was Hampton's oldest alumnus.

At his funeral, Monday, music was provided by the Hampton Institute Choir and the school was officially represented by W. Barton Beatty, secretary-treasurer of the Institute, and Don Davis, business manager.

AN ARDENT believer in the ownership of land to give a person "roots, rights, and responsibility" in a community, Mr. Walker was an extensive landowner at the time of his death. One of his favorite stories was that of how he talked a Gloucester landlord into selling him 36 acres on full credit. "I made a crop," he said "and made that land buy itself. And the state

ACTIVE IN Virginia civic affairs, Mr. Walker was one of the founders of the Negro Organization Society and an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He rarely missed a convention of either organization, and was frequently seen at Baptist Church conventions throughout the state.



# Sir Harold Allan Dies In Jamaica

By WILBERT HENDLING

KINGSTON, Jamaica (ANP) — Jamaica lost one of its outstanding sons last week when Sir Harold E. Allan, knighted by King George VI three years ago, collapsed when he read in a political mouth-piece, that there was no parish more riddled with graft than Portland, a portion of which he represented. He died three days later.

Robert Lucien Morrison Kirkwood's Farmer's party mouth-piece, the weekly Advocate published a story which Bustamante said caused Sir Harold to collapse. In the Jamaica Daily Gleaner, Prime Minister Bustamante declared that Sir Harold was reading the newspaper which alleged that Portland parish was graft-riddled.

Sir Harold who represented the east side of the tourist Mecca parish where Hollywood's Errol Flynn owns Navy Island off the north coast shore, broke down instantly. The Knight was rushed off to Nuttall (Memorial) Hospital where he died.

Followers of the Farmers' party had invaded Portland to spread political propaganda, because the new party hopes to wrest in 1954 control from the party to which Sir Harold was allied. The FP's speakers shot out such tales that the Custos of Portland, F. G. Grosset, immediately resigned on grounds that its platform was spurious and dishonest.

Allyn was a member of the Jamaica legislature for about 20 years. He was a staunch supporter of Britain's representative at the Geneva World Trade Conference, 1947-48, and at the Havana parley of General Agreement, Trade and Tariff (GAAT) in 1948-50.

A respectable, eloquent and diplomatic man, he was one time slated to become the first colored governor in the West Indies. As a young man, he taught elementary school and was a front-line cricketer. Up to the time of death it was not known whether he died from shock, but it was believed he suffered a paralysis.

Knighted in 1948

In July 1948, he was knighted

by King George at Buckingham Palace in London, believed to be first native Jamaican to be knighted. He received the Order of the British Empire in 1945 for his outstanding service in welfare in Portland and Kingston. He also served as colonial delegate to the United Nations during sessions in Europe.

Among survivors is a sister, Mrs. Josephine Brown of Baltimore, Md.



## MILWAUKEE'S BOND BUYING ACE:

# Price Collins, Retired Railroad Porter, Dies

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Last rites for Price Collins, 61, popular retired railroad porter, were held Thursday

at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1017 W. Brown st.

Mr. Collins was known as one of Milwaukee's most distinguished war bond buyers.

Many hundreds attended Price Collins to pay their respects to Mr. Collins, who did a great deal to uplift the community. He died, Feb. 18 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wood, Wis.

## Member Of Church

The Rev. T. T. Lovelace, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, officiated at the rites. Mr. Collins had long been a member of the Mount Zion congregation.

His is survived by a brother, Cleveland Collins, of San Francisco, Cal.

Several carloads of floral pieces were received from many of his friends, as well as businessmen and organizations throughout the community, including the Boy Scouts organization to which Mr. Collins lent generous support.

## Messages From Everywhere

Many telegrams, letters of condolence, and cards of sympathy were also received from all parts of the country.

The Milwaukee Road railroad train No. 1, on which he served for many years, went on its run Thursday night with the car, in which he served for many years, draped with the color of mourning.

He worked on nearly every train the Milwaukee Local operated during the half century he was affiliated with the company but the train on which he mainly served, a deluxe train, ran from Chicago to Minocqua in the resort area of northeastern Wisconsin.

## Porters At Funeral

Mr. Collins worked for the Milwaukee Road from Jan. 12, 1923 until his retirement, Jan. 5, 1952.

The Mount Zion choir rendered several hymns at the funeral and many persons from Chicago, including the dining car and sleeping car porters of the Milwaukee Road, attended. There were also mourners from New York City, Kansas City, Mo., Washington, Philadelphia, Detroit and Cleveland.

Burial was at the Veterans Hospital cemetery, Wood, Wis.

Mr. Collins became well known to the community as the man who was at the head of the line in every war bond drive since the first few months before Pearl Harbor. The bonds he bought were \$1,000 ones.

Mr. Collins was a lover of youth and during 1945 and 1946 he met regularly with the young boys club of the Booker T. Washington YMCA. He was also an active member of the Milwaukee branch of the NAACP.

